

the foundation of our Nation, our freedom, our people's spirit, our great democracy.

I join with my colleagues here in Congress in expressing our Nation's sorrow and outrage at these evil attacks. More than that, we join together in firm resolve to find those responsible and to bring them to justice, and resolve to prevent such acts in the future.

Mr. Speaker, this is a reminder that just as no person is an island, America is not an island. No declaration of resolve here, no fancy airport security technology, no air marshal on board planes, no military action can by itself root out terrorism without international cooperation.

As the champions of freedom in the world, we will reach out not only to governments around the world, but to the people around the world who stand with us.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES, AND THE CONVICTION THAT TERRORISTS AND THOSE WHO HARBOR THEM MUST BE PUNISHED

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt sympathies are extended to the families. Many people in my area work at the Pentagon and have been involved. The mothers, the fathers, the sons, the daughters, and the neighbors who perished will never be forgotten.

I want to also thank and praise the courageous firefighters, the rescue workers, the policemen, the servicemen and women, and the scores of volunteers who have been working around the clock.

America is the greatest country in the world. We represent freedom and liberty and democracy, and we will respond to this terrorism. We strongly support the President of the United States to find them and to bring them to justice so this can never happen again.

THREE THINGS AMERICANS CAN DO TO RESPOND TO THE ATTACK ON OUR COUNTRY

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, in the last 24 hours I have heard a very powerful statement from thousands of Americans, a question. That is: What can I do?

I would suggest three things:

We can give blood, not just in the next day, but in the next several months.

Number two, we can tell our children that they are safe, and they are safe in their schools. We cannot allow these terrorists to create an image and a feeling of fear of our kids when they go to school.

Third, and I think most important, we need to talk to our children and tell them that at the same time they are discovering the nature of evil in certain people, and cowardice in certain people, and terrorism in certain people, there is courage in Americans.

We can share the stories of these firefighters and these police officers who went into these buildings, so that our children know, as it has always been and will always be, the courage of people, of individual Americans, is going to surmount cowardice.

SOME UNSCRUPULOUS GAS STATION OPERATORS ATTEMPT TO PROFIT FROM AMERICA'S TRAGEDY

(Mr. BACHUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, in moments of tragedy such as we are now witnessing, stories of sacrifice and heroism always emerge to make us proud. That will continue to be the case as we dig out from the rubble of this cowardly assault by yesterday's terrorists.

However, disaster always breeds acts offensive to all honest and patriotic Americans. Sadly, we are also witnessing examples of such behavior here in America. Instances of gas price gouging come from all over the Nation. In my home State, a patriotic State, prices of over \$4 are reported. Throughout the Midwest, prices exceeding \$5 a gallon were reported after the bombing.

Most national oil companies have announced they are freezing gas prices, indicating much of this is by the unscrupulous operators at the gas station. They must be held accountable.

AMERICA'S DARKEST HOUR MAY ALSO BE HER FINEST HOUR

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, unlike the old broadcast message, this is not a test, this is very real. Secretary of State Powell had it correct: This is an attack on our civilization.

But in this, our darkest hour, we may also find our finest hour in our Nation's character and our Nation's will. We will help continue the rescue efforts. We will mourn the dead victims. We will pray for the families. We will salute our brave rescue workers, firemen, and policemen.

We will also secure our communities, and we will bring perpetrators not just

to justice but to a punishment they will not soon forget. God bless America.

AMERICA WILL RISE AND GROW STRONGER FROM THIS TRAGEDY

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our great Nation was attacked by terrorists whose aim is to violate what we cherish so greatly across this land: our freedom, our democracy, our hopes and dreams, our quality of life.

I would like to join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow for both the victims and families of those that were killed and injured during yesterday's cowardly attack.

This is a time for us to remember and express our gratitude to the policemen, firefighters, and emergency service personnel who have unselfishly sacrificed their lives.

Mr. Speaker, a tragedy happened in America, but America will rise and be stronger. God bless America. God bless this great people.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, we have been flooded with words of condolence, but the time now is for action.

I call on the Taliban to hand over to us Osama bin Laden, if not for this act, for his previous acts of terrorism.

I call on Iran to stop supporting Hezbollah.

I call on Syria to close the headquarters of the various terrorist organizations in Damascus.

I call on Yasser Arafat to arrest all terrorists, suicide bombers, and plotters of mass murder.

I call on Europe to join us in our policy vis-a-vis Iran and Libya, and stop providing aid and assistance to them.

I call on Russia, China, and North Korea to stop selling technology and weapons of mass destruction to countries that support terrorism.

Yesterday, the United States of America lost its innocence, but it gained a new will to eradicate the evil of terrorism from this globe.

TERRORIST ATTACK ON WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, earlier in the 20th century, America was once referred to as a slumbering giant, and