Many, many people in my district, which is right across the river from New York City, have lost someone they cared about, a friend, a family member, or just someone they knew. To my friends and neighbors and constituents back home in New Jersey, let me say we will get through this together. That spirit is demonstrated by the hundreds right now back at home seeking to give blood and volunteer.

To my fellow countrymen and women from every part of our great land, because there is no doubt that this was an act of war against all of America, let me say we stand as one, united against our enemies, united for the things we believe in, liberty, freedom and justice.

May God bless us and help us through these difficult times.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair desires to announce that following the declaration of recess today, Members are invited to attend a classified briefing here in the Chamber during the recess.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule 1, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair, and the Chamber will be cleared of all unauthorized personnel or guests.

Accordingly (at 11 o’clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair."

PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA OF CAPITOL FOR PRAYER VIGIL IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 223) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a prayer vigil in memory of those who lost their lives in the events of September 11, 2001, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?