HON. GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States, The White
House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: On behalf of the 21-

million strong Sikh Nation and especially on
behalf of more than 500,000 Sikh Americans, I
would like to express our sadness and our
sympathies to the people of the United
States for the terrible attack on the United
States yesterday and for the loss of life it en-
tails. This is a terrible tragedy and we know
that you will take appropriate action. Like all
Americans, all decent people everywhere, we condemn this brutal and senseless
attack.

The Sikh religion recognizes all humanity as our brothers and we pray for the well-
being of all. Our prayers and our sympathies are with the people of the United States at
this tragic time. We especially pray for the families of those who have departed. May God
bring peace to these departed souls and to their families.

We support you and we pray for the people of America. God bless you and God bless
America.

Sincerely,

DR. GURMINT SINGH AULAKH,
President, Council of Khalistan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call number 338. I would have
voted “yes” on this resolution condemning the terrorist attacks earlier this week.

COMMENDING RESCUE WORKERS
AND VOLUNTEERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the numerous rescue workers and
volunteers around the country in their recovery efforts during this terrible tragedy. Those
deeply brave and heroic citizens are working around the clock to bring calm and restore peace into
our beloved nation. Again I wish to convey my thanks and prayers to these courageous res-
cue workers, their families, and everyone affected by this horrific chain of events; includ-
ing Captain Jack Punches, Jr., whose mother resides in Ramsey in Fayette County. A
retired Navy captain, he had worked in military intelligence and was at his desk at the Pen-
tagton when the atrocious events of Tuesday occurred, and displayed his military career, holding command positions
during the Persian Gulf War while logging more than 7,000 flight hours as a pilot of a P–3
submarine hunter aircraft. Captain Punches is survived by his wife Janice, his daughter
Jennifer, and his son Jeremy.

I ask again, may God bless these rescue workers, may God bless the victims and their families, and may God bless our country.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VIC-
TIMS OF THE KATYN FOREST
MASSACRE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 13, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the Katyn Forest Mas-
sacre, sixty-two years after the horrible trag-
edy. Memorial Services will be held on Sep-
tember 16, 2001, at the Katyn Monument site
in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Following Nazi Germany’s unprovoked at-
tack on Poland on September 1, 1939, Polish
troops stood up to a better-equipped and larg-
er army, eventually succumbing to the incred-
ible odds several weeks after Soviet troops vi-
ciously attacked from the East. While Polish
forces were vastly outnumbered and over-
extended, they fought vigorously and valiantly on two fronts. Following its defeat, Soviet and
Nazi victors immediately placed Poland under
their harsh and brutal occupation.

In the Spring of 1940, Soviet-led forces bru-
tally killed and tortured over fifteen thousand
Polish men, women, and children. One of the
sites of these barbaric and inhumane acts was
the Katyn Forest, where four thousand bodies
were later discovered.

Today, I honor the victims of the Katyn For-
est Massacre. I commend their courage and
sacrifice. They stood strong in the face of
genocide and appalling brutality. I ask that my colleagues join me in remem-
bering the victims of the Katyn Forest Mas-
sacre, and I ask that we honor their sacrifice for freedom.

EXPRESSIONS OF SENSE OF SENATE
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES REGARDING TERRORIST
ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST
UNITED STATES

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, 2001, an act of terrorism took the lives
of thousands of innocent Americans. No Amer-
ican is exempt from the pain and anger that
resulted. I know I speak for everybody in the First Congressional District of Tennessee
when I send their thoughts and prayers to the
families and friends of those who are casual-
ties of this act of terror. Our thoughts and
prayers also go the thousands of individuals
who have responded to the scene and are work-
ing non-stop in the rescue and recovery efforts.

It is important that we take the appropriate
steps to deal with this matter. The government
is functioning and providing the necessary
services to deal with the aftermath of the
events. Every necessary resource will be made available to
assist in the search, rescue, and recovery ef-
forts. In addition, our law enforcement authori-
ties, intelligence services, and military per-
sonnel are moving swiftly in their investiga-
tions. A number of positive leads are being
pursued, and I am confident that we all know
the names of all that are responsible. We have a suspect whose numerous threats are
tantamount to an admission. We have the abil-
ity to continue to accumulate evidence to
prove his guilt.

I applaud the President in his immediate
forceful response to this tragedy. He has mo-
bilized our armed forces and directed all ap-
propriate federal agencies to respond to res-
cue efforts. I also applaud the leadership of a
united Congress. The leadership of both par-
ties have communicated the support of the
Congress to the President, and he will have
the full support of the legislative branch of our
government to provide the necessary re-
sources for recovery and rebuilding, as well as
the resources that will be needed inside the
United States to deal with the perpetrators of
this crime. We will use these resources to
fight the war on terrorism to those responsible and to see that justice is
served.

As difficult as it is at this time, we must
move forward. We cannot give in to the de-
mands of terrorism. The American resolve is
stronger than ever. It is a mistake of terrorists
to believe that they will divide us. They have
brought us together in ways that many people
did not believe could happen. It is a mistake of terrorists to believe that we will cower in
fear as a result of their actions. They have
only strengthened the willpower, purpose, and
determination of all Americans.

One of the most cherished freedoms in this
country is the right to disagree. Honorable citi-
zea have the right to voice their disagree-
ments with each other without fear of reprisal.
Quite often, Members of Congress find them-
selves engaging in quarrelsome debate over a
variety of issues, which now pale in compari-
sion to the matter that we must deal with in
the upcoming days and weeks. Despite these
disagreements, the U.S. has always stood for
what is right in the world—freedom and dem-
cracy. The terrorists believe our ability to
disagree is a weakness, and that they can ex-
plot this. They are wrong.

The final casualty numbers will be high—too
high to reasonably comprehend. Despite this
tragic loss and the crumbling of America’s
buildings. America’s foundation is strong. The
history of this great nation proves that when
the U.S. is roused—the U.S. fights—and the
U.S. wins. We will stand together, outraged
and resolute, and we will go to any length to
bring these criminals, and those who aid and
abet them, to justice. We will have not pro-
priety paid our respects to those who have died
until their killers are brought to justice.

From this point forward, the rest of
the world, and particularly those who harbor ha-
ted and resentment against the United States,
will learn that our strength and courage will
not tolerate the acts of terrorists. We may
never know the specific message these ter-
rorist groups were trying to send to America.
I do know that they will ultimately receive a re-
sponse from America that will be loud and
clear. God bless the United States of America.