ard to wonder if America's future
lives taken, and all the possibilities
City.
world that we will rebuild New York
bol of America's resolve, my adminis-
tration will work with the Congress
and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. As a sym-
omy and put our people back to work.
steps that strengthen America's econ-
omy. Terrorists attacked a symbol of
American prosperity. They did not
cause because of the hard work and cre-
ativity and enterprise of our people.
These were true of our economy before
September 11, and they are our
strengths today.
And finally, please continue praying
for the victims of terror and their fami-
lies, for those in uniform, and for our
great country. Prayer has comforted us
in sorrow and will help strengthen us
for the journey ahead.
Tonight I thank my fellow Ameri-
cans for what you have already done
and what you will do. And ladies and
gentlemen of the Congress, I thank
you, their representatives, for what
you have already done, and for what we
will do together.
Tonight we face new and sudden na-
tional challenges. We will come to-
gether to improve air safety, to dra-
matically expand the number of air
marshals on domestic flights, and take
new measures to prevent hijacking. We
will act to protect our people, to pro-
promise stability and keep our airlines flying with
direct assistance during this emerg-
cy.
We will come together to give law en-
forcement the additional tools it needs to
track down terror here at home. We
will come together to strengthen our in-
jelligence capabilities, to know the
plans of terrorists before they act, and
to find them before they strike.
We will come together to take active
steps to prosecute those who commit
these crimes and put our people back to work.
Tonight we welcome two leaders who
together will strengthen America's econ-
omy. They did not attack just the econ-
omy, but the heart of America, and they
must be willing to spare no effort to
end them. As long as the United
States of America is determined and
strong, this will not be an age of ter-
or; this will be an age of liberty here
and across the world.
Great harm has been done to us. We
have suffered great loss. In our grief,
love, and our mission, and our purpose,
and our moment. Freedom and fear are
at war. The advance of human freedom,
the great achievement of our time, and
the great hope of every time, now de-

deps on us. Our Nation, this gener-
ation, will lift the dark threat of vio-
lence from our people and our future.
We will rally the world to this cause
by our efforts and by our courage. We
will not tire, we will not falter, and we
will not fail.
It is my hope that in the months and
years ahead, life will return almost to
normal. We will go back to our lives
and routines, and that is good. Even
freed recedes with time and grace. But
our resolve must not pass. Each of us
will remember what happened that
day, and to whom it happened. We will
remember the moment the news came,
where we were, and what we were
doing. Some will remember an image
of fire, or a story of rescue. Some will
carry memories of a face and a voice
gone forever.
And I will carry this. It is the police
shield of a man named George Howard,
who died at the World Trade Center
trying to save others. It was given to
me by his mom, Arlene, a proud me-
norial to her son. It is my reminder of
lives that ended, and a task that does
not end.
I will not forget this wound to our
country, and those who inflicted it. I
will not let it end and we will not
relent in waging this struggle for the
freedom and security of the American
people.
The course of this conflict is not
known, yet its outcome is certain.
Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty,
have always been at war, and we know
that God is not neutral between them.

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Fellow citizens, we will meet vio-
ence with patient justice assured of
the rightness of our cause, and con-
fident of the victories to come. In all
that lies before us, may God grant us
wisdom, and may He watch over the
United States of America.

Thank you.
(Appause, the Members rising.)
At 9 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m., the
President urged the United States, accom-
panied by the committee of escort, re-
tired from the Hall of the House of Represen-
tatives.
The Assistant to the Sergeant at
Arms escorted the invited guests from
the Chamber in the following order:
The members of the President's Cabi-
net.