None of us is untouched by last Tuesday’s terror, and it is now painfully clear that many residents of California were part of each tragic moment of that tragic day. Some were trapped in the World Trade Center towers. Some were at work in the Pentagon. And the fates of some were sealed as they boarded planes bound for San Francisco or Los Angeles.

I offer today this tribute to the dozens of Californians who perished on that awful morning. I want to assure the victims’ families that their fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters will not be forgotten. As a nation, we hold them close.

Words alone cannot convey the depth of our dismay, but the names of those Californians who lost their lives provide a stark and simple symbol of our anger and our pain. The list that follows may well grow. I will honor each one in every way that I can.

David Angell of Pasadena; Lynn Angell of Pasadena; Selma Aoyama of Los Angeles; Barbara Arseguegis of Los Angeles; Melissa Barnes of Redlands; Alan Beaver of Emeryville; Berry Berenson of Los Angeles; Carolyn Beug of Los Angeles; Yeneh Betru of Burbank; Mark Bingham of San Francisco; Deora Bodley of Santa Clara; Touri Bolouurchi of Beverly Hills; Daniel Brandhurst of Hollywood Hills; David Brandhurst of Hollywood Hills; Thomas Burnett of San Ramon; Suzanne Calley of San Martin; Jefferey Collman of Novato; Dorothy Dearaujo of Long Beach; Australine Flagg of Corona; Dee Flagg of Corona; Wilson Flaggs of Corona; John Frost as a Rancho Santa Margarita; Ronald Gamboa of Los Angeles; Andrew Garcia of Portola Valley; Edmund Glazer of Chatsworth; Lauren Grandocals of San Rafael; Andrew Curry Green of Los Angeles; Richard Guadiano of Humboldt County; Stanley Hall of Rancho Palos Verdes; Gerald Hardacre of Carlsbad; John Hofer of Belflower; Stephen Hyland of Claremont; Barbara Keating of Palm Springs; Chandler Keller of El Segundo; Jude Larson of Los Angeles; Natalie Larson of Los Angeles; Daniel John Lee of Van Nuys; Macloyd Lopez of Norwalk; Dora Mencaha of Santa Monica; Nicole Miller of San Jose; Laurie A. Neira of Los Angeles; Ruben Ormeza of Los Angeles; Jerrold Paskins of Anaheim Hills; Thomas Pecorelli of Los Angeles; Robert Penninger of Poway; Mari-Rae Sopper of Santa Barbara; Alicia Titus of San Francisco; Otis Tolbert of Lemoore; Pendyala Vamsikrishna of Los Angeles; Timothy Ward of San Diego; and John Wencus of Torrance.

In the name of these Californians, and in the name of all the other innocent victims, it is time for the terror to stop.

RETRAITEMNT OF SHERRY ADKINS

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I am grateful for this opportunity to recognize and pay tribute to Sherry Adkins, who has worked in my Salt Lake City office for 25 years as a Constituent Services Representative. Sherry is retiring after many years of hard work to fulfill her dream of moving to Alaska with her husband Bruce to spend time with her grandchildren.

Sherry’s life has epitomized true public service. She literally touched thousands of Utahans’ lives by assisting me in helping constituents with problems ranging from Social Security issues to Veterans Administration benefits. Over the years, I have received hundreds of letters from constituents who have praised Sherry’s work and expressed their gratitude to me for her assistance.

Sherry has been described as “a valuable, reliable, courteous,” “concerned for others’ welfare,” and “trustworthy.” Many people have been able finally to receive their Medicare benefits, resolve their tax problems, or find their missing Social Security checks, because of her commitment and concern.

Sherry’s life has been an example of service. She has always championed the underdog and looked for ways to help others in need. She spent many years volunteering at the Salt Lake City Odyssey House, an organization designed to help men and women overcome the tragic disease of alcoholism. In fact, she even directed the Odyssey House Choir, giving members new hope and experiences, as well as entertaining thousands of people through their music.

I have always known that I could count on Sherry to get her job done, and to do it well. In fact, Sherry’s work with me didn’t start when I was a Selectee to the Senate and I go back even further. I was privileged to have Sherry as my personal secretary for a few years while I practiced law in Utah. So, Sherry has been my longest serving staff, and I will miss her greatly.

It has always been a pleasure to work with Sherry Adkins. I am so grateful to Sherry for her efforts and the service that she has rendered to me, my office, and to all Utahans. I feel blessed to have her a friend. I want to wish Sherry and her husband Bruce the very best that life has to offer in the beautiful land of Alaska. May they find peace and happiness in their retirement years doing the things that they love the most.

ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of Armenia’s independence.

On September 21, 1991, the people of Armenia began their journey of freedom and democracy. The road they have travelled over the past 10 years has been full of challenges including natural disasters, conflict in Nagorno Karabagh, and the struggle associated with economic and political transformation. Any of these could have led Armenians off the path of liberty. However, it is through the perseverance of Armenians, and those around the world who support them, that Armenia begins this new century a strong republic and an example for young democracies worldwide.

The events of September 21, 2001, pose a new challenge to Armenians, Americans, and those who reject terrorism and fight the war against fear.

In his September 11 letter to President George Bush, Armenian President Robert Kocharyan called on Armenians to confront the “evil of terrorism” with “determination and resolve.” At this critical time, Americans are thankful for Armenia’s support, and together, along with a global coalition of freedom-loving nations, we will find the strength and patience to continue our journey.