HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, September 11, 2001

The House met at 9 a.m.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2001, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member except the majority leader, the minority leader or the minority whip limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

Taking Action to Protect Health

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this Congress is taking action to help protect world health in the fight against HIV AIDS.

In Colombia we are spending over a billion dollars to fight the grip of the deadly coca trade that includes eradication of the coca plant and aid to farmers to attempt to shift their production.

I find it ironic in the midst of this action by Congress that there are some that would have us reverse a long-standing policy and start promoting the sale of American tobacco overseas. Tobacco is the only legal product that would have us reverse a long-standing policy and start promoting the sale of American tobacco overseas. Tobacco is the only legal product that is trying to fight the spread of HIV AIDS around the world.

In China alone, 14.5 percent of the deaths are attributable to tobacco. What is dramatically different in China is that in other developed countries, with a similar rate the number of smokers is growing rapidly, such that two-thirds of the men are smokers before the age of 25. Few quit and about half can be expected to be killed by tobacco. In practical terms, this means that in China the number of male deaths alone from tobacco is expected to be roughly 3 million annually by the middle of the century.

Mr. Speaker, it is sad to me that after decades of deception and death that we are starting to turn the corner in this country where we have hundreds of billions of dollars in tobacco settlement that is available only after litigation. It is something that this Congress was unwilling or unable to correct to try and help reduce the number of new addicts and victims. It has opportunity to help not just the people who are addicted to tobacco but to help change the patterns in this country, like we are doing in Colombia to help farmers be involved with productive crops that are not destructive crops.

There are some states that have used tobacco settlement money to do that. Like Maryland, I hope that this Congress would not reverse course, that it would not start promoting the use of our tax dollars to promote the sale of tobacco overseas, but keep our eye on our priority, which is to reduce dependence on tobacco, help wean the American farmer away from dependence on tobacco, use our resources to stop the destruction of death and disease around the world.

It would be ironic that a Congress that is working to stop these abusive practices in Colombia with addictive drugs, that is trying to fight the spread of HIV AIDS around the world, would take a tragic step backward.

There was an attempt to insert in the agriculture bill an amendment that would reverse this 8 year prohibition on using U.S. resources to promote subsidization of tobacco sales overseas. Wisely, the Committee on International Relations, on a broad bipartisan vote, voted to remove those provisions from the agriculture bill.

I hope my colleagues will stand firm. Keep the existing policies. Stop the export of death overseas with tobacco.

DEBATE ON THE BUDGET SURPLUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois), Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLenger) is recognized during the morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BALLenger. Mr. Speaker, I have a strange problem with the way we are talking about our present debate on the surplus. For 30 years, 40 years we never worried about the surplus. We never had a surplus and we spent it all. So, here now, we are about to have a nervous breakdown on whether we are going to have a $150 billion surplus. Oh, my goodness gracious, only $150 billion, my, how can we possibly get along there?

What we really should be worrying about is, we are having a manufacturers' recession right now. Why? Well, as a manufacturer myself, and I checked with businesses back home, the main problem we have got is our dollar is the most overvalued currency on the planet today.

You should be a tourist traveling anywhere in the world. Everything seems cheap. The reason it is cheap is because our dollar is worth so much more than the value of currency of the place you are visiting. If we could do something to reduce this I think we would accomplish something, but we cannot compete with anybody in the world at the present time with the dollar as long as it continues to be the most expensive currency in the world.

Let me give some examples. After the earthquake in El Salvador, some of my friends there approached me with the idea that they needed to buy 12 boxes of concrete two by fours. They bought all the two by fours that were available as far as they were concerned in Central America, and so I called up some friends of mine down in North Carolina and asked them about what kind of a deal can you give me on 14 foot and 12 foot two by fours, and they said, Cass, well, the lumber market is terrible now but we will see what we can do.

These numbers are not exact, but they will show what I am talking about. This gentleman down there offered me something like a container load of two by fours, mixed 12 and 14 foot, for, say, $4,000 for a container. I checked with a real large timber firm down in Louisiana and theirs was $5,000 a container. So I figured I had a pretty good price.

So I called back my friend from El Salvador, and I said I think I have got a good deal for you here, let us see if we cannot negotiate. He said, well, what is your price. I said the deal we
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have got is $4,000 a container, and he said, well, thanks a lot, Cass, but we just bought Canadian and we got it for $3,000 a container. I went back to my friend down in North Carolina who had offered me this great, wonderful deal, and I said, I am sorry but you got beat. He said, Cass, I hate to tell you this, but it is happening everywhere; we quote in competition with the Canadians. He said, first of all, you have got to realize that our dollar, as compared to their dollar, is worth sixty cents of our dollar. In other words, for $60 you can go out and buy $100 worth of Canadian dollars. Now, that is a wild and funny way to look at it, but in reality that is the way it works.

So just lately I checked on woodchips. In North Carolina we used to clean our wood up and we would chew all the wood up into woodchips, carry it down to our coastline and ship it all over the world. I do not know whether Mother Nature greatly appreciated what we were doing, but we were chewing wood up and shipping it. Everybody in the world wanted them, and all of the sudden we find out that in Australia they have come up with a better way of doing it and their money is cheaper than our money, and so our woodchip business is gone.

I do not know how many people have talked to the steel industry. The steel industry in this country is noncompetitive. They are getting dumped on, as they say, because of the inability to meet the costs that the other countries have for their manufacturing costs, but in reality, the whole thing hangs on a more expensive dollar, and let us be honest.

The more we balance the budget, the more surplus we generate, the more popular our currency becomes to the rest of the world. So what do they do? They decide to come here and buy our bonds, and we buy more bonds and they buy more bonds, and pretty soon, the dollar becomes more valued. I do not know how many of you ever watch it in the market and so forth, but the dollar goes up, the yen goes down, the pound goes down, and here we are becoming less and less competitive and laying more and more people off because of it.

I would like to give an example. About 2 months ago, a group of us traveled from Brazil to Argentina to Chile. In Brazil, business was pretty good. We did not know specifically why. We went to Argentina after that, and Argentina had dollarized their currency. They tied their currency to the value of the dollar, and this was a great and wonderful idea to stop inflation, and they did. But the Brazilians devalued their currency and killed whatever industry that they had in Argentina. This is exactly the way the system works.

It is great if you are a tourist and can go anywhere in the world and buy everything you know cheaper, but in reality, somewhere along the line we have got to see what we can do.

This is kind of a strange request that I am making, but I think probably the best thing we can do is spend more of the surplus and then people would say, hey, they are not quite as chancy with their money as we thought. So maybe we ought to buy some German marks or some British pounds and quit investing in American dollars. This may sound weird, but most of the folks in this room do not know any better. So I would like to sound weird and hope that we can influence somebody.

BROKEN REPUBLICAN PROMISES TO SAVE MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DeFazio) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. DeFazio. Mr. Speaker, it all depends upon how we define a surplus, and for quite a few years around here I was one of the Members who advocated that we should not be including the excess taxes charged to Social Security or to people for Social Security, FICA taxes, as part of the so-called surplus, spending it and replacing it with IOUs. In fact, I found considerable support over the last few years on the Republican side of the aisle on this issue, which I found encouraging. In fact, the House Republicans have voted nearly unanimously seven times, seven times since 1999, to protect both the Social Security and Medicare surpluses by creating a lock box. We put it in a lock box, not once, not twice, seven times, seven padlocks, many different combinations.

Social Security and Medicare trust fund surpluses are safe. They would be reserved to pay the benefits in the future. In fact, as recently as July 11th, House majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Armey), said we must maintain the integrity of the lock box, not once, not twice, seven times.

The surplus he talked about is the Social Security trust fund. It is raised through an unfair, flat, regressive tax capped at $80,000 a year income. So the rich people are not putting in a penny over the little bit they pay on their first $80,000 of income. Most working families are paying more in Social Security taxes than they are in income taxes to the Federal Government. In fact, they are not getting back a rebate because of that fact, but they do not mind too much because they know their money is going in the lock box created.

Now, what is in the lock box? Oops, well, not much money. There is something in here, though. Good, I owe you $9 billion, signed Secretary Paul O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury for George Bush, President of the United States.

So it seems that they are going back on their promise, are they not? We were going to have a lock box. They made a great show of voting on the lock box in the Clinton administration, but now with the Bush administration all things are changed.

It really doesn't matter whether we spend the Social Security surplus, that money intended for the trust fund for future retirees, today because the administration changed. Nothing else changed. We had all those votes to create a lock box, but suddenly the lock box isn't so important anymore, not as important as tax cuts.

Make no mistake, the tax cuts are the thing that are putting us in the hole. The Federal Government is borrowing, the money to send out those rebate checks which are against this year's estimated surplus which does not exist but is calculated on your last year's income. Follow that? Okay. What it means is cash the checks quickly. It might bounce soon.

So this is the bizarre situation we find ourselves in. The Republican majority after touting lock boxes and saving Social Security and Medicare for so long, in their rush to please their wealthy benefactors and pass a massive $2 trillion tax cut, particularly heavily oriented to those who earn over $273,000 a year and estates over $5 billion, they have already frittered away the surplus, and things look even more bleak for the future.

They are depositing IOUs back into the Social Security trust fund, spending the money today, now that it is.
time to talk about the possibility of, oh, my God, now they are in panic, some people are pointing this out, mindless, across-the-board cuts. First, let us jack up the military spending by 10 percent, then we will cut it by 3 percent and we might get back to putting something in the lock box. I doubt it. It is fuzzy math.

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We have humbly prayed to You, O Lord God of Heaven and Earth, yester-
day and through the night. Now we
turn to You for Your guidance and
sense of eternal truths which built this Na-
tion as we begin a new day of build-
ing security and peace through justice.

We mourn our dead and reach out with prayer and acts of compassion to all those families splattered with blood and exhausted by tears. Heal the
wounded. Strengthen all civil servants, medical and religious leaders as they attempt to fill the gaping holes left in the fabric of our Nation.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit, Lord, upon all the Members of Congress, the President, and all government leaders across this Nation. Free them of fear, any prejudice whatsoever, remove all doubt and confusion from their minds... With clear insight which comes from You and You alone, reveal all that is unholy, and renew the desire of Your people to lives of deepening faith, unbounding commitment, and lasting freedom where liberty has made her home.

We place our trust in You now and forever. Amen.

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We make a solemn pledge that we will honor all of the victims by committing ourselves to defend our land, our families and our freedom. Today we go back to work. Washington, in New York, and all around the country; and we are determined to show the world that America will not be defeated by anyone.

Finally, we will do everything within our power to bring these horrible terrorists to justice, to address this act of horrible, despicable cowardice, and to ensure that something like this never ever happens to our people again.

We should also recognize that our public spaces, the heart and soul of American freedom, American ingenuity and American entrepreneurship, were violated yesterday in the most heinous way. We must, in one voice, work to reassure the American people that they are safe on the streets, in the air, and in all of our buildings no matter where they live or work. This Congress, in a nonpartisan way, will work as hard as humanly possible to make sure that our people have the safety they demand and deserve, and that terror is defeated completely and finally.

Make no mistake, this was an act of war against the United States and all of our people; and we will not be divided. All of us, the President, the Congress, and the American people, are today, and will be tomorrow and in all of the tomorrows, totally and completely united in our determination to begin the process of healing and to take swift action to see that the people who committed this horrible crime are properly punished.

May God shed His grace on this great and wonderful country and all of our people.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will receive 1-minute speeches on each side until 11 o’clock.

AVENGING TERRORIST ATTACK

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, the events of yesterday, September 11, are forever seared into our minds as with branding irons. We grieve for the victims and their families. We pray for them.

Let the word go forth to our enemies. We are united in our resolve to avenge the deaths of our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers, our husbands and wives.

In righteous vengeance, the United States Government will hunt down to the ends of the earth the assassins of our innocent kin and strike them down.

TERRORIST ATTACKS WERE ACTS OF WAR

(Mr. SKELTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was the darkest day in American history. Pearl Harbor pale in comparison.

I join all other Americans who are shocked and outraged by the terrorist hijackings and attacks on the World Trade Center and on the Pentagon. Last night I saw firsthand the carnage resulting from the attack on the Pentagon.

Let there be no mistake, the United States Government will investigate and pursue those who were behind this cowardly attack. These terrorist attacks were truly acts of war, and we will respond forcefully and appropriately. The United States will take the action against the terrorists and punish those governments that support and harbor such criminals.

This incomprehensible tragedy is a terrible reminder that we must take the threat of terrorism seriously. If Congress and the administration are willing to develop an overall strategy and commit adequate resources, we can prepare an effective defense to protect our American people.

I extend my deepest sympathy to the families of the victims, and I especially express my gratitude to all emergency personnel and other volunteers, many of whom have lost their lives.

I urge all Americans who have a flag, to fly it high and demonstrate we stand united in this moment of tragedy.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ATTACK

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I join the countless others in this Chamber, in this great Nation, and throughout the world in expressing condolences to the families of the victims of yesterday’s deplorable attack. Our thoughts and our prayers are with them.

Mr. Speaker, I also feel a sense of pride for the strength of character and humanity shown by the American people, strength which is shining as a beacon of light, guiding us through this time of darkness and sorrow.

The response of our President, the U.S. Government, and our American society is a testament to this Republic and to the democratic system of government. It demonstrates that democracy will always triumph over terrorism. Through the ash-filled sky of New York City, Lady Liberty’s torch pierces through as a reminder of American resolve.

I express my full support to the President, his national security team, our military, our intelligence officials as they develop a swift, precise and unequivocal response to the perpetrators of these heinous acts, as well as against those who made it possible by providing them with safe haven, training areas and funding.

We will prevail. God bless the United States of America.

AMERICANS WILL SEEK JUSTICE

(Mrs. TAUSCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, like many of my colleagues, last night, in spite of the horror and terror of what happened yesterday, I went to bed knowing where my family, my immediate family, was and with a sense of relief.

That is not true for many of the constituents in my District and in the Bay area, obviously the surviving families of the folks that were on the planes, the rescuers and the victims in New York, and the members of our military and the civilian employees at the Pentagon. Too many Americans last night went to bed not knowing where their families were.

One of my constituents was on United Flight 93 from Boston, and he was able to call his family and tell them that he loved them. We offer the condolences to the Burnett family of San Ramon and the many other families in the Bay area, to be known, that we lost yesterday, great Americans, Americans to whom we pledge that we will not rest, we will not rest until we find the people that damaged the psyche and the hearts of the American people forever. We will not rest and we will find them and we will bring them to justice.

AMERICANS RISE TO THE OCCASION

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, we as Americans this morning must confront the harsh reality. Yesterday, acts of war were committed against our Nation. Accordingly, a state of war exists between the United States and all entities of terrorism in the world.

I welcome the fact that we stand united, because even in this, our darkening world, we see examples of what has always been true in our history. America’s citizens are seemingly ordinary people who at times of national need and distress rise to the occasion and do extraordinary things.

In that spirit, today, though, Mr. Speaker, I call on our Commander in Chief and the American people to take
any and all steps necessary to eradicate this evil from the face of our planet.

**FAILURE OF INTELLIGENCE NETWORK**

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I condemn this tragic act of war, like all, but yesterday showed the failings of American policy, folks. This attack was planned for months, maybe years. Where is our intelligence network, our human intelligence network?

The fact is, ladies and gentlemen, it is easy to attack the United States of America. Our borders are so wide open, terrorists could cross them with a nuclear bomb, and may be unpunishable to say, but I believe America's foreign policy in the Mideast is so one-sided that we endanger now American citizens. We must be fair in our policies.

I condemn these tragic acts. The Congress must now look in the mirror and do what is right and to be fair. My heart goes out to all of the victims and families of victims of this tragic war against America.

**ERADICATE TERROR BY ERADICATING TERRORISTS**

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

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, like all Americans, all America suffered losses yesterday, but for some of us it was more personal, since friends were lost in yesterday's incidents.

Years from now, our grandchildren will ask where we were and what happened on September 11, 2001, but the most important question all will ask us was what we did about it. Our answer must be, and today we begin that process, and importantly begin that process of recognizing that the only way to eradicate terror is to eradicate terrorists.

As a New Yorker and an American, my outrage is only contained by the knowledge that the cowards who were responsible for this act will find themselves at the end of the swift fist of American justice. I see a united America, I see it in my district where people have pulled together to offer their equipment, to offer their prayers, to offer their blood. But let us make it clear that Americans are also saying they expect us to change, they expect us to move forward forcefully and end what we saw yesterday.

**JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL**

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my colleagues in expressing our sincere condolences to those who have lost Americans in one of the most tragic and cowardly attacks on this country in our history. Make no mistake about it, this was an act of cowardice, an act of terrorism that struck at the heart of our Nation. This was an act of war against the United States.

But, make no mistake about it, we as Americans and we as a Nation stand united. Those who have committed this act will find no safe harbor. We stand united in finding out who was responsible and taking quick and decisive action in response.

This type of action has happened once before, a cowardly attack at Pearl Harbor. They thought without question that they would prevail, but they did not. All they succeeded in doing is waking a sleeping giant. Well, they have done it once before. The last time this Nation became the most powerful Nation on earth. And in a short time this Nation, when those who are found responsible, will again loose the fateful lightning of our terrible swift sword and justice will prevail.

**JUSTICE WILL BE DONE**

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

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I woke up this morning, after not getting much sleep last night, with a broken heart and a tremendous feeling of sadness and anger. There are still many questions unanswered. When we see these horrible events, feel these tremendous feelings and listen to these unspeakable stories, we must remember that we are Americans. Throughout our history, Americans have shown to the world what freedom is. And, more importantly, we have shown what freedom costs. Yesterday we once again paid that cost.

While we share this planet with evil, we will not let evil triumph. To the victims and to the friends and families of those who have perished, I want you to know that your country, your American family, is praying for you and shares this burden with you. But to those responsible for these unspeakable horrors our country has endured, I say to you: You should not sleep another night with peace. You should not eat another meal in comfort. You must look over your shoulder because we will find you. We will find you and justice will be done.

**UNITED STATES HAS SUFFERED WORST ATTACK SINCE PEARL HARBOR**

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

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I paraphrase a great President: Tuesday, September 11, 2001, is a day which will live in infamy, because on that day we suffered the worst attack against the United States since Pearl Harbor.

Words fail us at this time. So I suggest to the American people that we do exactly what the President suggested last night, that we pray for all of the innocent victims of this terrorist attack, that we express our gratitude to all of the firefighters, police officers and other emergency personnel who lost their lives and who are putting their lives on the line today to rescue those left in the rubble.

Finally, that we resolve, along with the President, to bring these cowards to justice. And, remember my friends, a terrorist by definition is a coward. It is a person who cannot get what he wants by the power of persuasion, and therefore resorts to killing innocent men, women, and children.

What happened yesterday, Mr. Speaker, is a basic violation of the fundamental principle that life is to give, not to take. Let us let the world know today that the forces of evil shall not prevail.

**AMERICA, A BEACON OF FREEDOM TO THE WORLD**

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, for as long as we live, we will remember September 11, 2001, and the moments when we first heard that America was viciously attacked in horrible acts of war by terrorists who declared war on America. We did not seek this war, but it is a war that has been brought to our shores. And we will not shrirk from the responsibilities to respond courageously. America has always been at its best when it is being tested. Why has this war been declared on America? Because we are the symbol of freedom and democracy around the world. Those who are perpetrating this war against America, the terrorists and terrorist groups, hate freedom. Theirs is a totalitarian vision dressed in religious garb.

Mr. Speaker, we have already fought and defeated totalitarian regimes in the past. It was our principles, our commitment to life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness that brought us through victoriously. The same will be true this time. Americans will stand together against these savage, desperate tactics.

Yesterday’s acts were not the acts of criminals, but the military acts of enemies. And military tactics demand...
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military responses. Terrorism is a tactic of the weak, but America is strong. We must declare war on these terrorist groups, the vicious barbarians aiming at our destruction and those who harbor them.

America will respond with resolve. We will continue to be the beacon of freedom in the world.

HEINOUS CRIMES AGAINST AMERICA WILL BE AVENGED

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, let us resolve that the dastardly attack which was thrust upon America yesterday, September 11, 2001, will always be put among those days that will live in infamy. Terrorism is cowardly, devastating and immoral by the standards of all who believe in a just and loving God. We owe it to all who suffered and died, to all decent human beings, to make sure that those who are in any way responsible for this will be held totally accountable for their heinous crime.

STANDING TOGETHER UNITED

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

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was an act of war upon the United States. Our country as a nation will never be the same again. But from that tragedy, from that moment of death and destruction, we must recommit ourselves to our principles. We must stand behind our President as commander in chief; stand together, not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans, vowing to find out exactly who it was that is responsible for this heinous act and to do all we can to eliminate them from the face of the Earth, and also those who would harbor them, those who harbor these terrorists.

As my heart goes out to the victims, many of whom live in my district and the adjoining districts outside of and within New York City. Already the names of friends and relatives are coming in, so we personally know how tragic this truly is. I just want those families to know that our hearts and prayers are with them. We give a special debt of thanks to the police officers and the firefighters who gave their lives.

Again, as Americans, we must stand together one united country to root out this terrorism, to defeat them once and for all. Our hearts and prayers go to the victims and their families.

STANDING TOGETHER IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a day from hell, a tragedy that was perpetrated by people with a demonic view, who do not value human life. Words have never been less adequate than to meet the challenge of giving sympathy to the families of those affected.

On behalf of my constituents, I want to extend sympathy to those families of the victims, to make special note of those who were courageously there, the public safety people in New York who also lost their lives.

We do know the extent of the casualties yet, Mr. Speaker, but we cannot let one of the casualties be the freedom that is the foundation of our country. We stand united behind our President and behind our congressional leaders as we try to inspire confidence in the American people and restore calm. Panic, of course, is the best thing we could give the terrorists. It would be a victory for them.

I hope that also in terms of calm and confidence, that we will have an emergency supplemental which will fully fund FEMA to meet the needs of the people affected in New York and also to meet the needs to restore the Pentagon.

We always pray for God to bless America. In the spirit of our people, God has blessed America. The people of Oklahoma gave us an example. New York will rise from the ashes like the great Phoenix that it will be.

ADVERSITY DOES NOT DIVIDE AMERICA

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of these attacks on American soil, the United States of America must retaliate with force. Yesterday's acts of cowardice signify an act of war, and we will fight this war to win.

Adversity does not divide America; it strengthens us and propels us into an unprecedented unity. These cowards have failed.

Mr. Speaker, our America is much more than the buildings and monuments that America is a nation of great people, joined by the love of country and the belief in freedom and liberty. This can never be extinguished.

The loss of life is devastating and has impacted all walks of American life. Our rescue workers, including police and firefighters, have suffered great loss. They are heroes, and have bravely sacrificed their lives to save those suffering from these cowardly acts committed by these evil individuals.

This tragic event has mobilized America like never before. Our patriotic spirit has been resurrected, and this will be proved to our enemy's demise.

God bless America.

AMERICA WILL PREVAIL

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, words are inadequate to express the agony we feel today for those who lost their lives yesterday, for their families, and for this country. But we will recover, rebuild and move on.

In the dark days of late 1941, it was Winston Churchill, speaking for the Western allies, who said, "We have not journeyed all this way across the centuries, across the oceans, across the mountains and across the prairies, because we are made of sugar candy."

We are not. In truth, the people of this country are big in heart and strong in character. We will maintain our open society and fight terrorism around the globe with freedom-loving peoples everywhere, and we will prevail.

AMERICA'S ENEMIES WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America face-to-face with undisguised evil, an evil so profound that it leaves men and women of good will dumbfounded. These acts of war may have bloodied America, but America will remain unbowed.

The enemies of America, I think, have always underestimated us; but in fact what these terrorists perceive as America's weakness, our freedom, our tolerance, our democratic system, is what gives America its strength.

We will rise to this challenge. I urge for starters that we authorize the President to spend as he sees fit $20 billion to react to this attack.

As we mourn our dead and injured, we will prepare for war; a war that we did not seek, but one that we must win. And it is the 18th century, Congress, under Jefferson, waged a war on the Barbary pirates. We must declare war on these new terrorists.

Americans are not by nature a vengeful people but when in a righteous cause, our fury and our resolve will not be extinguished until our enemies are brought to justice.

...
To those who celebrate the death of American innocents, of mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, I have a simple message: you can run, but you cannot hide. America will deliver a response at the time and place of its own choosing to the perpetrators and those that shield them.

A RESOLUTE AMERICA

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, today our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the victims. We pledge everything within our power to bring swift remedies to those who are still trapped, along with our thoughts and prayers.

We saw yesterday also the strength and the courage of the American people, embodied by those firefighters and police who rushed into the wreckage; by those Americans, those physicians who came from around the region to lend their help; by the Americans still waiting in lines to donate blood. We saw the greatness of America yesterday.

And to those who would perpetrate these unthinkable crimes against innocent men, women, and children, we say to you, we will hunt you down like the animals that you are. You will find no refuge, no sanctuary, no shelter from the storm that will come. Others have felt democracy is weak, and they have found, as our enemies today will find, that there is nothing like the resolution of the American people.

God bless this country.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, from the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

God has blessed this Nation to be the most free, the most caring, and the most prosperous Nation in the world's history. But, as the Chaplain prayed, we seek peace and security through justice; and, I will add, justice will prevail.

God will continue to bless this Nation. Let us all fly our flags and renew our pledge to be one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

God bless this House. God bless this President, and God bless the United States of America.

BRINGING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE

(Mrs. McCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning I woke up thinking of my granddaughter. Yesterday was her first birthday. Two hours later, this Nation was in a crisis. I know the American people. I know the people of New York. I know how we all respond in times of crisis, that we all come together, and we will be there for each other.

But this Congress, this Congress will respond. Many of us are considered gentle people, and we are. But let me say, I, for one, will make sure that this President has all the tools and the financial means that he needs to bring justice to so many of my constituents that were killed yesterday.

This Congress, this government, will not rest until every single person responsible for these deaths are brought to justice.

AMERICA MUST BE STRONG, OF GOOD COURAGE, AND ACT

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

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, our prayers today certainly go out to the victims of yesterday's horrific acts of terror. May the families and friends of those lost, military and civilian; firefighters, police and other rescue personnel, receive comfort and peace today. And may the entire Nation be entrusted to the merciful care of God as we move forward from a day that America will not forget.

I join my colleagues here today to demonstrate the resolve of the United States of America to see to it that no act, however unspeakable, however despicable, will be allowed to halt our democracy.

I commend President Bush for his words yesterday committing our Nation to bringing to justice those responsible for these attacks, and for recognizing that those who harbor evil, are evil, and must be dealt with as such.

America should follow the admonition of David to his son, Solomon: "Be strong and of good courage, and act." From tragedy, unity; from unity, strength; and from strength, justice.

For the victims, for their families, for our Nation, God bless America.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday is a day that will live long and painfully in all our hearts. We will remember that innocent people arriving at their offices were murdered. We will remember that Federal workers and members of our Armed Forces, all dedicated to lives the public service, were murdered. We will also remember that men, women and children boarding airplanes bound for the West Coast to visit friends and family or to meet colleagues were murdered.

We will remember the firemen, police officers and emergency workers who lost their lives saving others at the World Trade Center; and we will remember the thousands of people who lined up to give blood, who helped others escape from fire and debris, and who said a prayer, and who simply asked, how can I help?

Yesterday, we saw the best humanity has to offer in the faces of America, and we saw the worst of humanity in the murders carried out by faceless, nameless terrorists. All Americans of all faiths and backgrounds mourn today the lives lost.

We will repair and rebuild the broken buildings and neighborhoods and we will maintain the foundations of our liberty; and as Americans, we will never sacrifice our freedoms, our fundamental rights, to cowardly acts of terrorism.

We will find those who perpetrated these evil acts, and they will pay the highest price for their actions.

Today, our thoughts, our prayers, our strength and compassion go out today to all of those who have lost loved ones. We will never forget you.

AMERICA STANDS STRONG IN FACE OF TERRORISM

(Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute).

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers go out to those who mourn the horrific actions of cowardice that we experienced yesterday. We are up against an enemy this time that has committed an act of war; but it is an enemy that is not a country, it is a band of evil people that is trying to instill fear in America. We must do all we can to defeat this enemy, and we are all enlisted in that battle. Many of our emergency professionals have put their lives on the line and given their lives and deserve our appreciation.

What is there for us to do? We must remember that their weapon is fear. They are trying to instill fear in us; and if we panic, they have achieved victory. We must be showing our resolve as Americans and lining up to give blood, not lining up to panic to get gas at a gas station. That is what America is all about. We have risen to the challenge in the past; we will rise to the challenge today. With God’s good grace, reaching out with condolences
AMERICANS STAND STRONG AND UNITED FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY
(Mr. CLEMENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, we are all shocked, horrified, disgusted and sorrowed; and yet I am also extremely proud of the way all Americans in New York and Washington and all of the world have reacted. We know that there are groups and organizations, as well as some countries, that promote terrorists. It will not work.

There are other ways to solve problems besides destroying people’s lives, and we are not going to let it work. But we also know that terrorism is systematic, and it is going to take a multifaceted approach in order to destroy terrorism and terrorists in the world.

We know we are going to track them down, and we know we are going to hold people responsible for these actions. But also, we know that we are going to have to follow the money. Where did the money come from? How was the money funneled to the terrorists in order for them to infiltrate the United States.

We have got the world community behind us and, God bless America, we are the leader in the world; and we need to act like a leader and keep marching forward and promote freedom and democracy for all people.

AMERICA WILL PREVAIL WITH STRENGTH AND COURAGE
(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy as I think of the tragic events that have befallen the United States. As was written long ago and is true today, the groans of the dying rise from the city; the souls of the wounded cry out for help.

Yet I stand here today, Mr. Speaker, to say, as is evident in this Chamber, the leadership of both parties of this country are resolute. The people of America should be confident that our national government and our military is on the job. We will prevail. We will respond.

My word to the American people is simply this: be encouraged; do not be terrified, be strong and courageous, for now, as always, throughout our history, the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go.

AMERICA MUST WAGE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM
(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, our hearts are filled with sympathy for the victims of what looks like the greatest loss of life on American soil since our Civil War, I fear greater even than Pearl Harbor.

After Pearl Harbor, there were a few timid souls who said that we should appease our attackers by changing our policy in the Far East and conclude a quick peace. Instead, the greatest generation waged the greatest war, made the greatest sacrifices, and won the greatest victory.

Today, we cannot even talk about appeasing the murderers by abandoning our friends in the Middle East. We instead must wage a war against terrorism, all terrorist groups; and we must remember that our war against terrorism is not a war against Muslims. Our last three wars were to protect the Muslim people of Kuwait, Bosnia, and Kosovo.

We must demand that Afghanistan send Osama bin Laden to the United States for trial for what he did at Yemen and what he did in East Africa; and if they do not, we should aid the Northern Alliance.

DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA PREVAILS NOW AND ALWAYS
(Mr. SIMMONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, last night my wife spent the evening hours watching television with a neighbor in Connecticut. Their grandson, my daughter’s friend and classmate, had a new job in New York City on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center. He was bright and energetic, a young man from a small town living out the American dream in the Big Apple. Repeated cell calls went unanswered. He is missing. We fear the worst.

So what do we do? We gather here to demonstrate that the people’s work will go on and that our democracy is strong. We gather here to say that terrorism is not speech, it is murder, and terrorist acts are not political acts, they are acts of war.

In the name of Josh Piner and in the name of so many, many others, it is time to fight back. May God bless him, his family, and may God bless these United States.

AMERICANS STAND UNITED TO BRING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE
(Mr. CARDIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, a Marylander, I think expressed the sentiment of all of the people in my district when she said, “I am thinking about all of the people who died. I don’t know the people in New York or the District of Columbia or Pittsburgh, but I feel like they are family.”

Mr. Speaker, they are family; and in times of tragedy, a family grows closer together. We are going to come together. We are going to show our compassion for the victims, rescue who we can, make sure our country is safe, and we are going to find out what happened. We are going to find out who is responsible for these actions; and then as a family united, we are going to take the appropriate steps to bring these people to justice.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the Third Congressional District of Maryland, we stand united with the victims’ families and with all Americans in our resolve to make sure that what happened yesterday brings us together and we respond and hold those responsible accountable for their actions.

EMERGENCY WORKERS RESPOND WITH FOCUS, COMPASSION, DEDICATION, AND DETERMINATION
(Ms. HART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I, as my colleagues do, rise with a heavy heart today. I extend my sympathy also to the victims, their families, those who are lost at this time; and pray that God will comfort them.

I thank God, though, for those emergency workers. Mr. Speaker, 9/11, yesterday’s date, 9–11, is truly all Americans to answer the emergency. The police, the firefighters, the medical personnel, and the rescue workers all responded yesterday with determination. They responded with focus, with compassion, and with dedication. We must do the same, because we must triumph as a Nation and as a people over this terrorist act.

I support the President and his resolve to hunt down those who facilitated this act of war and bring them to justice. We will bring them to justice. We as Americans must remember that preservation of freedom is not easy. We are facing the toughest time in our history, but we will triumph.
TODAY WE START ANEW

(Mr. GRUCCI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as so many of my colleagues do here today, with a heart full of pain and sorrow, anger and frustration. Today is a day that we start anew. We will find those who are responsible for this heinous act against our community, against our families, against our friends and our neighbors; and we will bring those to justice who are responsible for this. We will move through anyone who stands in our way to accomplish this goal.

But now is a time to also reach out to the families who are sitting by their telephones waiting to hear the call that tells them if their loved one is still alive, and there are those who are receiving the call today that their loved one is not. There will be many who have fallen in this tragedy, a tragedy so great that it is hard to understand it all as we watched as those towers came tumbling down, as we watched as the concrete and the steel of buildings collapsed and those inside of them perished.

This is a great Nation. It is a Nation of true resolve. We will rise to the occasion of fixing the problems that caused this to happen. God bless those who are fallen, God bless their families, and God bless America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair announces that he will extend for 15 more minutes 1-minute, and ask the Members to attempt to stay within the 1 minute so all Members can be heard on their 1 minute.

ANOTHER DAY OF INFAMY

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, another day of infamy as our Nation has fallen victim to the most vicious, devastating acts of terrorism in the history of our great Nation.

Our prayers go out to the thousands of our fellow citizens in New York, in Washington, and elsewhere around the Nation who have suffered from this barbaric, evil act.

Members of this body have long called for increased support to combat terrorism, to beef up our intelligence capabilities. Our Nation must now rise to the challenge of this devastation. As we review our Nation's antiterrorism policies, we must use all means available to ensure that such a massacre will never be repeated.

To the rescue workers and New York's finest and bravest firemen and police officers who paid the ultimate price, we honor their commitment to the cause of freedom. We will never allow evil to prevail in our land.

STANDING UNITED IN OUR RESOLVE TO OVERCOME TRAGEDY

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

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America's innocence was shattered by unseen enemies. Cowards, terrorists, struck at the heart of our society, killing mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, indiscriminately in hopes of political gain.

We stand united in our resolve that the acts of terrorism will not deter us. I want to offer my prayers to families who are still waiting to hear from loved ones who might have been at the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, or those families who have already lost loved ones in yesterday's tragic events.

Words cannot express my gratitude to the countless police officers, firefighters, volunteers, blood donors, and health care providers who rushed to the crash scenes yesterday, putting their own lives in harm's way to come to the aid of their fellow Americans.

Yesterday's television images will remain with us forever, not only because of the shear terror they conveyed, but also because of the uniquely American spirit that was evident: our grit, our resolve, our unparalleled ability to rally together in the face of tragedy.

I am proud of the members of the Fairfax County Urban Rescue Team who were among the first to tackle the debris at the Pentagon. Additionally, I want to thank all those who continue to help their fellow Americans by providing comfort and prayer to those injured and their families.

Mr. Speaker, we stand together to ensure that the perpetrators and enablers of these cowardly acts are held accountable and pay the highest price for their actions.

EXPRESSING SORROW, HOPE, AND AMERICA'S FIRM RESOLVE TO MOVE AHEAD

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

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today all across America the hearts and prayers of our people are with the victims, their families, the rescue and medical workers, our friends and neighbors.

These cowardly acts may have shaken buildings, but they cannot shake
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 service-men 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, pricing our finest hour. That is 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 ourselves 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, firefighters, 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 selflessly 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-à-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
was later shocked and angered into a victorious response to the atrocities of the imperial Government of Japan, as well as Nazi Germany.

Yesterday, our democracy suffered the 21st century’s equivalent of Pearl Harbor, and our shocked and angry Nation stands in strong support of President Bush’s efforts and commitment to identify and hold accountable those who so callously and cowardly perpetuated this evil deed. We are strongly committed to ensure that this barbarism never occurs again.

So, my colleagues, we won World War I, II, and the Cold War, but now we must prevail in what is called the “Gray War.” The “Gray War” is a war against the faceless specter of terrorism. We will prevail here also.

THIS ACT OF WAR WILL BE AVENGED

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Yesterday, a heinous and cowardly act was perpetrated against this great Nation. My heart and the hearts of my constituents go out to the families of the victims. No American family, no family on Earth should suffer the loss of a loved and cherished one under these circumstances. We must ensure that these innocent men and women will not have died in vain.

To those terrorists who dared to violate our people and our country and those nations who harbor and give aid and comfort to those pathetic excuses for human beings, I promise you, we will identify you, we will find you, we will rid this world of the stench of your existence.

There is no such thing as a measured response to this horrific attack. This act of war will be avenged. Our beloved Nation will learn from this outrage, and we will be a stronger and far greater Nation for it. God bless our people; God bless America.

CONDEMNATION OF COWARDLY ACT OF WAR

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the cowardly act of war set upon our country. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and the citizens of this great country.

As each one of us attempts to come to terms with this dastardly deed, the use of innocent civilians as a means to carry out this act was appalling. Unfortunately for our perpetrators, our resolve has been strengthened. This horrendous act has brought our Nation closer together, not further apart, as I am sure was the intention. America now has a stronger will than any cowardly act like this can break.
I guess you can say that the terrorists have woken the sleeping tiger. Now America is wide awake to the realities of the situation and angry. We will not rest until those responsible are brought to justice one way or another.

Congress is united in its desire to do whatever it takes to assist the President in this effort. I also strongly support holding those who harbor these terrorists as equally responsible. In my view, there is no separation. The full weight of the United States military should be brought down on all those responsible for the murder of our fellow Americans.

God bless America.

CONDEMNATION OF BRUTAL ACTS; ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMERICAN HEROES

(Ms. WATSON of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATSON of California. Yesterday was an emergency 911 call for every American in this Nation, black, white, Latino, Jew, Gentile, Christian, and non-Christian, to stand united in our utter condemnation of these brutal and inhuman acts.

Clearly, it is too early to identify with precision the source of the terrorist attack. But I am confident, with all of our resources brought together in the coming weeks and months, with our intelligence, law enforcement and military agencies, we will be able to piece together a coherent and credible story; and we will act precisely.

In closing, my prayers go out to the hundreds, thousands, perhaps millions of Americans who have been directly affected by these terrorist acts. In addition, the courageous acts of rescue workers, volunteers, our fire and police departments must be acknowledged and praised. It is now time to honor them all. We are all and they are all true American heroes.

A DAY OF MOURNING AND OF RESOLUTION

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today is a day of prayer and mourning for America, the victims, and their loved ones. But it is also a day of resolution. We are resolved to bring those responsible for this atrocity to justice, swift and sure, and make clear that America, that freedom itself, will never be held hostage to terror.

With a fresh awareness of all our vulnerability, we must move forward to secure our Nation. With hope that cannot be defeated, we must turn toward the best within us, put aside our differences, respond to the continuing crisis, and begin the process of rebuilding. May God bless America.

UNCONSCIONABLE ACT: IMMEASURABLE LOSS

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. What happened yesterday is beyond words and beyond comprehension. The act was unconscionable. The loss is immeasurable.

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.

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?
Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and obviously I will not nor do I intend to object, but I want to reserve the right to object so the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Ney) can kindly explain the purpose of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 223 permits the use of the Capitol rotunda for a prayer vigil in memory of those who lost their lives in yesterday’s tragic act of terrorism against the United States.

This country has suffered the most terrible and horrific terrorist attack in its history. Although we still do not know the full story, these unspeakable acts of brutality strike at the very heart of our society. Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy go out to all who have been directly touched by this tragedy and their families.

Prayer can now be the source of unification and peace for a Nation that is beginning the healing process. The rotunda in our Nation’s Capitol is a symbol of unification. House Members, Senators and the American people have historically gathered there for solemn occasions. It is, therefore, fitting that the people’s representatives from both bodies gather together there today. No matter what the troubles in the world, you can have peace with God and you can achieve it with prayer.

My fellow colleagues, please join me and the millions across the country and the world as we remember those who died in a senseless and cowardly act of terrorism. May their memory serve as a reminder that the American spirit lives on and cannot be extinguished.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I, of course, concur in the Chairman’s characterization of the resolution. It is appropriate that we authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol, the center and heart of this Nation’s Capitol, to remember those who have paid the final price for living in freedom and defending freedom.

Our democracy, of course, will not crumble in the face of this disaster. Our democracy will endure this test and emerge stronger and more dedicated to freedom and justice throughout the land.

We do this to honor and remember those of our fellow citizens, those who live among us who perished yesterday, and those whose lives have been forever changed by grievous acts of cowardice. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, That the rotunda of the Capitol is a symbol of unification. House Members, Senators and the American people have historically gathered there for solemn occasions. It is, therefore, fitting that the people’s representatives from both bodies gather together there today. No matter what the troubles in the world, you can have peace with God and you can achieve it with prayer.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a concurrent resolution for 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, as presented by the gentleman from Ohio.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of H. Con. Res. 223, the concurrent resolution just agreed to.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST UNITED STATES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 61), expressing the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration pursuant to the following order:

Debate on the joint resolution shall be limited to 3 hours equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader.

After opening speeches, the majority leader and the minority leader each may yield the remainder of his time to the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations, respectively, who may control that time;

The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and

Following passage of the joint resolution and upon receipt of a message that the Senate has passed an identical joint resolution, the House shall be considered to have passed the Senate joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the joint resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. J. Res. 61

Whereas on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.;

Whereas thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in and around Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders;

Whereas these attacks destroyed both towers of the World Trade Center, as well as adjacent buildings, and seriously damaged the Pentagon; and

Whereas these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our Nation and weaken its resolve: Now, therefore, be it

[9] Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress—

(1) condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the terrorists who planned and carried out the September 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, as well as their sponsors;

(2) extend its deepest condolences to the victims of these heinous and cowardly attacks, as well as to their families, friends, and loved ones;

(3) be certain that the people of the United States will stand united as our Nation begins the process of recovering and rebuilding in the aftermath of these tragic acts;

(4) commend the heroic actions of the rescue workers, volunteers, and State and local officials who responded to these tragic events with courage, determination, and skill;

(5) declare that these premeditated attacks struck not only at the people of America, but also at the symbols and structures of our economic and military strength; and that the United States is entitled to respond under international law;

(6) thank those foreign leaders and individuals who have expressed solidarity with the United States in the aftermath of the attacks, and asks them to continue to stand with the United States in the war against international terrorism;

(7) commit to support increased resources in the war to eradicate terrorism;

(8) support the determination of the President, in close consultation with Congress, to bring to justice and punish the perpetrators of these attacks as well as their sponsors; and

(9) declare that September 12, 2001, shall be a National Day of Unity and Mourning, and that when Congress adjourns today, it stands adjourned out of respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LaHood). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. Army) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Gehrke) each will control 90 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Army).

Mr. Army. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Speaker. This is a time when we should choose our words carefully and deliver them deliberately.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is a resolution that shows our utter contempt for the resolve of yesterday. America was attacked yesterday. Mr. Speaker, an evil, cowardly act of war against the American people...
and against the lovers of freedom across this globe.

It is, Mr. Speaker, because of the goodness of the American people that they stand so impossibly tall. We understand the quiet heroism of those ordinary working men and women in America who went to work yesterday, to do their duty to themselves, their family, their jobs, to one another, quietly and ordinarily.

We understand especially in such dramatic terms the heroism of the firemen and the policemen that rushed to the danger to be of service and help and relief and perhaps to actually save people they did not even know.

We understand the heroism of the servicemen and women, quietly going about their job, working for the security of America, for the preservation of freedom, who were assaulted at their desks yesterday; who picked up the pieces, ran to each other’s aid, putting their Pentagon back together the best they can, and who will continue to be vigilant for freedom and democracy across this globe.

We understand that heroism. And the reason we understand that, Mr. Speaker, is who we are. We are a heroic nation. We would prefer to be a quietly heroic nation, doing the mundane things in the ordinary business of life; but, if we are called upon, we will be a heroic nation that will run to the distressed to lend our hand. And we have proven that.

Mr. Speaker, we are also a nation of people who understand justice, freedom, democracy, and, Mr. Speaker, security; and that understanding of these values is who we are. We are a heroic nation, and to underestimate it is that understanding that allows me to say now, you will be found, those of you who perpetrated this horrible act; you will be found, and you will be made to pay.

Mr. Speaker, we also understand what is required of great nations in the service of civilization in this world; and that understanding runs deep in America. It, too, is who we are. And we understand, once again, that our fellow citizens, respecting one another and treating our citizens with decency, is why this great nation will not be compelled, not even tempted, in the face of this catastrophe to change its course.

No, Mr. Speaker. We will stand together with the great nations of this world who love civilization, democracy, freedom, and decency; and we know they will stand with us at this time.

Mr. Speaker, we will stand against terrorism, as we have done. Do not underestimate us in our resolve. This great nation of heroes, who throughout its entire history loved freedom so much that it risked its peace even to defend the freedoms of others, will defend its own freedom.

And for you nations in this globe who would harbor the terrorists, who would condone terrorism, who might even support the terrorists, make no mistake about it; you will be held responsible for this great nation, and by all the great nations of this world that love freedom, peace and decency.

Mr. Speaker, there is another thing that we Americans understand. We understand faith. We understand the faith of our fathers, we understand that in America we have the wonderful opportunity to have faith in things that are good; and, Mr. Speaker, we understand that by the commitment of our understandings of the goodness of the people, the goodness of our way of life, the goodness of people across the world who love freedom, in the end that faith tells us that good will defeat evil. And all the victims of yesterday will be vindicated by a world that will live free and decent in respect for one another, citizens of all nations and creeds and for our own citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a moment for all of us as a people to rise to the occasion, to rise to the challenge. We bring this resolution forward with a heavy heart, but with an unbowed spirit to condemn with one voice the senseless act of this despicable act. We are committed against thousands of our people, to send a signal that we are determined to begin the healing process, and to serve notice that we will take immediate decisive steps in the days ahead to make sure that never ever happens again on American soil.

Today we gather in sorrow for the millions of lives lost yesterday. We honor the heroes of the many nations around the globe who lost their lives at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center, and for the countless brave Americans who perished on airplanes hijacked by ruthless terrorists and made into instruments of mass destruction.

We salute the incredible, wonderful, heroic rescue workers, medical personnel, firemen and firewomen, policemen and policewomen, who literally ran back in the buildings that crashed around their heads in order to save the lives of others. At this very moment as we meet on the House floor, countless firemen are still fighting tirelessly to find people who might be alive in the rubble and trying to bring life back to them, and hundreds of individual unnamed Americans are stepping forward to volunteer, to give blood, to give money, to give time, to volunteer to participate to save lives and to bring people back.

We have been so moved by the pictures on the television of rescue workers trying to bring people back to life. I have been moved by their patriotism, by their bravery, their resolve, their willpower, their love for other people at a time of great danger for themselves.

This generation of Americans is rising to the occasion, as Americans have always done. I have watched these rescue workers, their bodies covered in soot and dirt and blood, sitting on sidewalks, trying to get their breath, trying to find their surroundings, operating without sleep and help, doing everything in their power as human beings to help others, and giving their lives in order to do it.

In the days ahead, we are going to hear more stories of more heroes, true-life heroes, who sacrificed in all kinds of ways; and, unfortunately, we are going to hear more stories about more victims who succumbed to the violence of these terrorists.

In the days to come we as a Congress will be taking the steps to restore American national security and to punish those responsible for this act of war against the United States of America. We will not rest until we find the perpetrators of this highest, most heinous act of crime against our people and against the United States and against civilization and against humanity. This is war; and we will do everything in our power together to make sure that terrorists never ever again can create this mayhem, this chaos, this threat against our people and our country.

This resolution makes clear terrorism is a different, sinister kind of threat that faces all Americans and all people of this world. It demands the strongest possible response from our Congress and from our country.

We must review our priorities for spending on national defense and put necessary resources into programs to combat this threat, to ensure that what happened yesterday never ever happens again.

This Congress is united, Democrats, Independents, Republicans. There is no
Six decades ago, Sir Winston Churchill wrote words that are just as salient today as they were then: "Civilization will not last," he wrote, "freedom will not be defended without fight, unless a very large majority of mankind unite together to defend them."

Mounting that defense requires leadership. Freedom will not be defended without leadership. Human decency will not be preserved without leadership. America was attacked yesterday because of what she is and because of what she stands for. America must now take the lead in rallying the forces necessary to defeat terrorism throughout the world.

It is a standard plot in science fiction. Humanity: fractious, divided, conflicted humanity, unites at last to face together the threat of an invasion from aliens. What happened yesterday was not the doing of aliens. It was not something that came from "out there." It was something that came from below, from that corner of hell where the most wicked sentiments in the human heart fester. Is it possible to imagine, that, confronted with evil of this magnitude, humanity, or at least Churchill's very large majority of humanity, will unite to defeat the common enemy? We must hope so. But we must also act, for American leadership is essential in gathering the friends of civilization to the common defense.

Let us be very clear, let the American people be very clear and, indeed, let the world be clear about what happened yesterday. This was not a "tragedy" in the strict sense of the word. A "tragedy," as we remember from Greek drama, is something inevitable, a fate from which there is no escape. What happened on September 11, 2001, was no more a tragedy than what happened on December 7, 1941.

And here is the full meaning of the analogy that so many have drawn to Pearl Harbor: what happened yesterday was a willful, deliberate act of aggression. Its purpose was destruction: to kill Americans in order to demoralize the American people, destabilize American democracy, and wreak havoc with the American economy. While we extend our love and sympathy to the thousands who did indeed experience wrenching personal tragedies yesterday, we must be clear about the meaning of these acts. These were acts of war against the United States of America, against the American people, and against the rights and freedoms for which America stands in the world. In the measure in which the perpetrators have disqualified themselves from membership in the human race.

Wars have been fought for many reasons in 5,000 years of recorded human history. There were wars for territory, for ideology, for plunder, for conquest. This war in which we are now engaged, and this war, is not "crime" in the ordinary sense of the term, is a war for civilization itself. It is a war that pits the defenders of human rights, the defenders of democracy against those who hate America, precisely because she is the preeminent embodiment of human rights and democracy. We were a target yesterday because of what we stand for, because of who we are. In defending ourselves, we are defending everyone in the world who believes in the rights of man, everyone who believes that democratic politics, not mass violence, is the way to conduct public affairs.

Expressions of resolve are important today, as are expressions of sympathy and solidarity; but there must be more. It is imperative that we understand that we are in a war. It is imperative we take the steps necessary, in both terms of policy and funding, to make sure that we win that war. We must defend ourselves and we defend the hope which touches hearts around the world that this new century will see the triumph of freedom and the vindication of the democratic idea in human affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I first would like to identify myself with the powerful statements of the Republican leader, the Democratic leader, and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), my good friend, the chairman of the Committee on International Relations. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. SPEAKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and I urge all of my colleagues to approve it without delay and without dissent.

Yesterday, the world's greatest democracy suffered one of the most monstrous acts of terrorism in history. This terrorist attack was not only an attack on the American people, it was an attack on the very essence of our free and democratic society. It was orchestrated for the purpose of murdering American citizens and of undermining the American way of life. We cannot and we shall not permit the perpetrators of this terror to prevail.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, represents the opening salvo in this new millennium in America's global struggle against international terrorism. It is a struggle like no other our Nation has ever faced. During the century just ended, Americans rose to the challenge to defeat international Fascism and Bolshevism. In this century, the challenge of international terrorism again demands all that we as Americans are capable of mustering.

First, Mr. Speaker, we must close the wounds. As we speak, rescue teams are still wrangling to locate those whose lives are still buried in the smoldering rubble. Now is the time for all Americans to extend their hands, their hearts, and their
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Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), the distinguished former chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 11, is another day of infamy in our Nation as our Nation was viciously attacked in the most devastating act of terrorism in our books of record.

The distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Chairman HYDE), who our bipartisan leader has recommended for crafting this resolution. President Bush and the leadership of the House and Senate are commended for their bipartisan solidarity at this time of our national crisis.

This barbaric attack was a targeted, coordinated act of terrorism committed against innocent Americans, an attack on our leading economic and military institutions, and an assault on our efforts for peace and freedom throughout the world.

To the victims and families of this tragedy, to the courageous rescue workers, and New York’s finest and bravest firemen and police who have paid the ultimate price, to the people of New York and Washington and elsewhere around the world, we extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences.

Our Nation is grateful to the international community, who have expressed their concerns and who stand by us today against international terrorism. It is important that the international community condemns all those nations which provide any safe haven for terrorists, holding them equally responsible and accountable.

In the Congress, we stand behind our President, our Armed Forces, and our law enforcement agencies in our efforts to bring these vicious criminals to justice. America’s war against terrorists has only begun.

In light of yesterday’s attack, we must now fully review all of our policies toward international terrorism, our airport security, and our intelligence capability. We must take all the necessary steps to make certain that this kind of a massacre is never repeated.

We must make certain, too, that upon anyone who attacks the freedoms of our country will be brought to bear the full resolve of our great Nation.

America is no fallen tower, America stands strong and united, and we must use all of our means to pursue these perpetrators of crimes against our humanity.

God bless our Nation.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 4 minutes to my good friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), the distinguished Democratic whip.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding time to me. I congratulate him on a very important and eloquent statement.

Mr. Speaker, today we grieve together as a Nation. We grieve for the sons and the daughters, the mothers and the fathers, the husbands and the wives, the colleagues who were murdered in yesterday’s savage attack. We shed tears with thousands of families whose lives have been shattered, and we mourn these courageous fallen heroes who sacrificed their own lives amid choking stairwells and roaring flames and falling concrete so that others might live.

It is hard for us to fathom the bitter hatred that could inspire our attackers to such acts of horror. They drink from a dark and poisoned well. Hatred is a thirst that can never be quenched, Mr. Speaker. Amid our own fury, we must strike that cup down.

The United States will act decisively and forcefully to pursue those guilty of this slaughter wherever they may be hidden and mete out justice that is swift and severe. As the dust settles today, we find ourselves confronting an enemy that is both evil and elusive, but the world must know that America now stands stronger than ever, a Nation sworn to defend freedom, tolerance, diversity, and democracy. Those terrorists who attempt to extinguish our spirit must know that these ideals we Americans will never surrender.

Mr. Speaker, I come from Michigan. It is the home of hundreds of thousands of Arab Americans and American Muslims. Already, leaders in their community, patriotic Americans who give so much to this country, who have condemned these attacks and who are as sickened by the carnage as everyone else have been receiving death threats, and their families live in fear.

Such hateful prejudice offends us all. I shared these sentiments just hours ago with the President at the White House. Even as we struggle to clear away the rubble and the charred wreckage, our wounds, as we mourn our dead and seek ultimate justice, America must also stand together against this type of bigotry.

Mr. Speaker, we are all in this together, Americans who share a common grief and outrage. All Americans of all faiths, Christians, Muslims, Jews, we all condemn this cowardly act of terrorism.

Over the past 24 hours, many people have said that America will never be the same, and in many ways that is true. But we must also seek to understand and comprehend our sudden and terrible loss of countless loved ones, of national innocence, of a sense that America was somehow invulnerable to a chaos that always seemed so very far away.

Each of us will be faced with the difficult decision to do more, to give more, to join our fellow citizens to defend the freedoms and the values we cherish. As we have heard on this
floor already, people are already answering the call. We have seen thousands of people lining up to donate blood, families offering shelter to victims in need of not even knowing neighbors embracing neighbors, congregations joining in prayer.

We in this House pledge to do our part, to work together as never before, to join the President and our many allies around the world to defend our land and our liberty. From this conflagration, the world will see an America emerge that is stronger and more unified than ever before, always and forever a beacon for the best in the human spirit.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the majority whip.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I think all of us send our condolences and prayers out to every American family that was harmed by this cowardly act to our Nation. We want the victims to know that none of them is alone. Every American grieves with them.

We are standing beside them, and we will never, ever forget the Americans who fell yesterday. We have all been unified by this tragedy, and we will get through it together. Just as it has in every other crisis before this, the strength of our faith will strengthen our Nation.

Faith endures as the great and abiding source of our fortitude. Every American is grateful for the countless acts of heroism from the men and women who fought through the chaos to aid these victims. Their actions make all of us so proud to be Americans, and we salute their courage.

Today this Chamber has no divisions. We stand united behind President Bush. Our resolve—our pledge to use all any and all means necessary to avenge the lives of our fallen compatriots. Yesterday, agents of evil may have declared war against freedom, but they failed to bend the iron of American resolve. Tempered by tragedy, our commitment to America’s founding principles and the service of freedom has only grown stronger this afternoon. We are at war with the forces of terrorism.

We will draw no empty distinctions between those who physically carry out these acts and the people, organizations, and governments who aid, abet, and shelter the enemies of freedom.

The United States is fully committed to sweeping this aggression from this Earth. We have committed to eventually discover the most powerful force on Earth is the united will of the American people when we are behind a single objective. Today that mission is clear. Our duty as Americans requires unending hostility against the forces of terrorism.

The architects of this calculated wickedness will find no safe harbor in this world. We will chase our enemies to the furthest corner of the Earth. It must be war without quarter, pursued without rest, victory without qualifications, America at the front, America behind. We will not be dissuaded. We will not yield. Our retribution is certain, and America will never rest until we destroy this threat to liberty by defeating the agents and supporters of evil.

With the strength of our convictions and the grace of God in a righteous cause, we will prevail. Mr. Speaker, I, too, ask for God to bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me thank the distinguished Democratic whip for reminding us that Americans of all religious beliefs are equally opposed to this horrendous practice of terrorism. Let me remind my colleagues that the last three military engagements we participated in—in Kuwait, in Bosnia, and in Kosovo—were on behalf of people of the Muslim faith.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), chairman of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday was an horrific day. On September 11, 2001, international outrage committed a cowardly, barbaric assault against the United States of America, against innocent civilians, and against the brave, honorable men and women of our military.

That makes today, Mr. Speaker, a very difficult but very important day for all of us: a day of grief, of outrage, of quiet resolve to bring to justice those responsible for this terrible assault on our great Nation, and to ensure that it never happens again.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we grieve for the untold thousands of innocent Americans whose lives were shattered by a calculated, cold-blooded act of mass murder. We especially grieve for the passengers and crew of Flight 77, Flight 11, Flight 93, and Flight 175; for those serving their country at the Pentagon, both civilian and military, who have been killed; and for the thousands killed or injured at the World Trade Center.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we also recognize all those Americans who responded to those terrorist acts with heroism, with courage, and with compassion: the firefighters, police officers, emergency officials and volunteers who risked their own lives, and some of whom sacrificed their own lives, to comfort those of their compatriots.

They are American heroes, and this Nation will honor them as such.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the cowards who perpetrated these crimes against God and humanity must be brought to justice no matter how long it takes. And by the grace of God, and the crafting of wise policy initiatives, this must never be allowed to happen again. We must take all the requisite steps to win that war which the gentleman from Illinois...
(Mr. HYDE) spoke of earlier, the war against terrorism.

Those who wish us harm should know, Mr. Speaker, that Americans are strong, determined, and resilient. America is strong and determined; fully in charge and not to be underestimated, and will lead us with boldness as well as prudence.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, America’s foundational strength is not to be found in its military might, significant as that is, or our relative prosperity, and we are indeed rich in the world’s resources, but it is to be found in our individual and collective faith in and faithfulness to God. May this horrific act of mass violence compel us to turn anew to God, seeking healing, restoration, and as well as divine guidance, so that His will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELOTN), the distinguished ranking member of the House Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. SKELOTN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, people touched with evil brought hate and darkness to a land of light and freedom. I need not recount the details of their crimes. Those will forever be too familiar. I saw some of the damage firsthand at the Pentagon last night.

The lives that they took, structures that they damaged were not the true target. Here is what they attacked: the idealist Nation that guarantees all of its people equality in law and enforces it in deed; the determined Nation that again and again deploys its finest men and women to restore peace where it does not exist and maintain peace where it does; the generous Nation that gives more selfless support to other countries than any other in history; the steadfast Nation that is the first one called when disaster strikes, when tragedy erupts, when fortune’s heart turns cold. That is what they attacked.

They killed many Americans; but they did not kill, they could not kill our idealism, our determination, our generosity, our steadfastness. They could not kill what makes America America.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, the commander of the Japanese forces, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, mused, “I fear we have roused a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve.” Those who assisted in perpetrating this deed should take those words to heart, because there is in our nation a moral character, as Admiral Yamamoto learned to his eternal regret. We do not go weeping through the streets. We do not wall and beat our breasts. We just set about methodically and with great certainty to bring justice.

To those who devised and plotted the attack, I say, you will not find haven in the world of decent men and women. And the hearts of many others will be turned against you. If you believe, as the attackers did, that your own life has no value, America will not cave to your delusion. America will go bankrupt to cash that check. And any country that dares harbor you will pay its due.

At the same time, I hope that all Americans will remember another lesson of the Second World War; that not every victim of attack looks like one’s enemy. The one called is the enemy actually is the enemy. Tragedy is no excuse to create new injustice.

Let me extend my sympathies to those of the Congress and to all the families of the victims, and particularly those who were killed or wounded while responding to give aid to others. I ask prayers also for anyone with a loved one in uniform. Indeed, if there is a positive to be found in all of this, it is that America may rededicate their respect for our military forces.

Toward that end, and as a sign to our attackers of their futility, I ask that every American who has an American flag to take it outside and fly it. And if you do not have one, I hope you will get one.

We have been in a quiet war against terrorism for some time. The difference today is that now everyone knows it. As today’s debate will show, anyone hoping to sow discord or profit from political division will be disappointed.

There are no Republicans or Democrats today, there are only Americans, proud, somber, resolute and looking forward.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT).

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

The United States of America is a great nation with a compelling history. Over 200 years ago, we overcame long odds to create a new country and form a new society. Over the time we have withstood a depression, assassinations, natural disasters; we fought a Civil War, two world wars, and the Cold War. We have faced many trials and many enemies. And each time we have come together as one Nation, one people; and we have triumphed.

Now we face a new challenge. September 11th, 2001, yesterday, will indelibly be etched in the minds of every American. It is another day that will live in infamy. Words alone cannot describe the enormity of yesterday’s events. These vicious terrorist attacks represent nothing less than a declaration of war against our Nation. And as with any war, we must fight to win. We must leave every investigative and military resource at our disposal to find and punish the individuals and governments responsible for these reprehensible crimes. The full power of the United States will be a right to bear against the cowards who carried out these attacks against innocent men, women, and children.

As President Bush said last night, no distinction should be made between those who committed these atrocities and those who provide safe harbor and assistance to those that carried them out. America is a nation like no other. We are the world’s greatest democracy, a nation that gives hope to the downtrodden and oppressed everywhere. We are a nation based on the principles of freedom and liberty. And while we have seen the light of freedom flicker and fade at times for many other people around the globe, it has always burned strong here in America.

So, as in the past, we will rise above the confusion and despair of yesterday. We will prevail over those who seek to destroy our way of life. The future will bring new hope, and we will again join together as one Nation and show the world what being an American is all about.

Our prayers go out to all the victims and their families. God bless them and God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on House Administration.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the unspeakable barbarism perpetrated on American soil yesterday was directed at freedom-loving people on every continent on Earth. It will never be forgotten. Another day of infamy and perfidy is etched indelibly on the pages of the history of the world.

Our thoughts and our prayers go out to all those who perished or were injured by these mindless murderous acts; acts of war. Our hearts go out to their loved ones as well.

Our thoughts, our prayers, and our heartfelt thanks go out to all of those who put their own lives in harm’s way to help others: the law enforcement officers, the military personnel, the firefighters and paramedics, the doctors and nurses, and the countless civilians who came to the aid of their fellow citizens. They are the true American heroes, and their selfless courage fortifies this Nation. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow we fear that many of these brave souls too have become victims of this contemptible criminal conspiracy.

Today, every American, every civilized human speaks with one voice in saying to those who planned, participated, aided and abetted, or gave sanctuary to the perpetrators of this unmitigated evil, your act did not rest until you are rooted out, rooted out like a cancer, and destroyed.

As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said in his address to Congress the day following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, I ask that every American remember the character of the onslaught against us.” And in remembering, it will fashion our response.
The United States of America will never, never, never rest until you and all of those who provide you with shelter and safe harbor are held accountable for this horrific and heinous crime.

Know, too, that no amount of fury, no amount of anger, no amount of revulsion at such senseless and cowardly acts on innocent men, women, children in the street, none of that will drive us to embrace your twisted law of the jungle. But we will see justice done.

Our national character charged by the bravery and determination of generations who preceded us demands more. Our resolute commitment to democratic values and the rule of law and reason demands more.

The depraved brutality of September 11, 2001, much like that of December 7, 1941, has left each of us shaken and sorrowful. But now, as then, the American will and the American resolve are unshaken and undeterred.

Freedom, all of us know, has never meant freedom from risk, nor will it ever be. In fact, such risk is a component of that very freedom we cherish. But we must and we will confront those who criminally and viciously put freedom itself at risk.

Mr. Speaker, the memory of all of those whose lives were lost, who were surely on the front lines of freedom, must lead us to renew our pledge of allegiance to our one Nation, under God, indivisible, and with liberty and justice for all.

Our allies across the world have expressed their horror at this unprecedented attack. My friends, the civilized and free world must stand together and stamp out this terrorist scourge.

My deepest condolences go to the families of the victims. May God protect them in this time of trouble and may God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the distinguished member from Illinois, Speaker of the House (Mr. HASTERT).

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the American people were viciously and deliberately attacked by terrorists. My heart goes out to those victims and their families. But make no mistake, this was an act of war. The American people, as represented by the Members of this Congress, will take all appropriate action to protect its citizens and to win this war against these terrorists.

We have entered into a new era of our history. As of yesterday, how we live, how we work, how we play have been changed for as long as we will be able to see, in our children and our grandchildren.

Terrorists flout international law and standards of common decency. They target the American people because we are strong and because they are weak. These terrorists are cowards and they will be punished.

Some say that we cannot be the world’s policeman. Well, if we do not enforce the rules of common decency, if we do not take steps to protect our citizens from these lawless and evil bandits, no one else will. This is a new kind of war, and we must be prudent in how we prosecute it.

All those nations who harbor, who train, who support, who fund these terrorist groups bear equal responsibility for the actions of these terrorists. We must use our resources to deal with them in the appropriate way. Terrorists may be able to run, but they can not hide from America’s steady determination and justice.

Let me say a few words about the American people. Many of those who died were dedicated public servants, members of our armed services, firefighters, police officers, people dedicated to serving and protecting the American people. They have died in the line of service to their Nation. Others were citizens dedicated to living the American dream, people who had wives and husbands, children and parents who loved them and who will miss them dearly. These people were innocent victims in a war conducted against America by political extremists, people who live in the shadows and never come out except when they attack.

The civilized world is with us. I was touched this morning by the visit of Mr. Howard, the Prime Minister of Australia, who sat in our Chamber to show his solidarity with the American people. The speaker of the Russian Duma, Mr. Sleznev, sent me a letter where he said the people who ordered and carried out this outrageous crime must be found and punished.

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Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished member from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS), and I would like to ask about the eighth resolve clause in this resolution.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, it most emphatically does.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

I think it is long overdue that the United States of America reaffirm a policy of supporting those moderate, responsible, and, yes, democratically inclined Muslims of Afghanistan and elsewhere who are in opposition to terrorism, and in opposition to the fanatical Taliban government which, regrettably, has been an element of the problem.

We need to ensure our government itself meets its responsibilities effectively and remains committed to free government and peace among the people of the world, and those people are of all nationalities and of all religions.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, Americans are overwhelmed with sorrow at the loss of members of our families and friends, but we will act and we will do so courageously, and we will accomplish our mission, our sacred mission now of revenge against those who have taken American lives.
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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield ½ minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the distinguished vice chair of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001, is the second day of infamy in our history; and it was without a doubt an act of war. It was also a crime against humanity and the civilized world, a terrorist attack against innocent, unsuspecting, defenseless civilians, against women and children, many from my own State of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, the terrorists may have appeared to strike the symbol of American capitalism; but what they really struck was mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers. The terrorists may have appeared to strike a symbol of American military might; but what they really struck were sons and daughters, friends and families.

The terrorists have shown themselves as the cowards they are, as we are showing the world the great Nation that we are: strong, resilient, resourceful and freedom loving. The Congress is here, the President is at work. Americans are lining up waiting hours to donate blood or volunteer in the rescue. People from my district across the river from New York City are helping the wounded, our hospitals are filled with doctors, nurses and staff working around the clock. Brave fire fighters, police officers and rescue crews continue to risk their lives to save others; and we are pulling together, as Americans always do in times of tragedy, as we will pull together to hunt down and find those who committed these crimes against humanity.

There is nowhere these terrorists can hide where we will not find them, and no Nation that should believe that they can aid, abet, or give shelter to these enemies, united for the things we believe in this tragedy, the rescue work—

Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001 is a day that will forever be etched in the memory of each and every American. Throughout the world our friends also mourn this inconceivable tragedy. Truly, it was a threat to democracy and freedom for all.

The loss of life is staggering, and my thoughts and prayers are with the many families grieving for their loved ones and those who are still awaiting word. I pray that your loved ones come home.

We have watched intently as the disaster and the aftermath have unfolded in New York, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania. I commend the heroic effort of our public safety personnel from all over who have joined the rescue efforts, including those in my home State of Connecticut. Emergency workers have lost their lives bravely the horrors of the disaster.

Mr. Speaker, we will not stop until all those responsible are found and punished severely. Today America stands ready for the challenge ahead. We stand as one united against our enemies, united for the things we believe in as a people: liberty, freedom and justice. May God bless all those who perished in this tragedy, the rescue workers who sacrificed their lives and the children and families who today are missing a cherished love one, and may He bless this great country of ours.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), chairman of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with my fellow Americans to pledge my full support for this resolution.

Yesterday, our Nation was stunned by the cowardly acts of terrorists. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and those whose lives were tragically ended by those barbaric acts; but today I have never said with more dignity, with more respect, and with more determination that I am proud to be an American.

One of our Nation’s greatest strengths is our commitment to freedom and opportunity. We are blessed with the greatest resources in the world, chief among them the heart, ingenuity, and resolve of our citizens.

I know we will marshal these resources to the fullest extent as we find and punish the evil forces responsible for these dastardly deeds.

May God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), assistant Democratic leader.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a profound sadness and deep remorse weighing heavily upon my heart. An unspeakable tragedy has struck our great Nation, one that makes finding the right words nearly impossible.

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This atrocity has touched so many families. Each of us will know someone directly involved in this horror. Striking at the heart of our country, our people, our freedom, the symbols of our economic and military strength, this attack goes beyond anything we have ever experienced before, and it demands that we unite as a Nation. As the highest office, we must comfort our families and continue to provide them with the support that they need any way we can.

Our government must also take action in response to these reprehensible acts. By condemning the attack against the United States; and, Mr. Speaker, in the strongest terms, this resolution makes it clear that we will not tolerate any terrorist act. We will hold those who undermine our Nation accountable.

Let us stand here unanimous in passing this resolution to say that we stand by our fellow citizens, especially those grieving for a lost loved one, and that we will defend our Nation and punish those who have such utter disregard for human life.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), chairman of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution.

At the height of the civil war, John Stewart Mills said, war is an ugly thing but it is not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing is worth a war is worse.

It is very clear now that we have a very strong bipartisan consensus in support of the effort to bring about a successful resolution to this horrible tragedy.

Many have talked appropriately about the fact this has been an attack on the United States of America. Mr. Speaker, this really transcends the United States of America.

Let us look at the first two targets, the World Trade Center. The World Trade Center. This is an attack, Mr. Speaker, not only at the United States of America, but this is an attack at the entire international community. Virtually the entire world supports the core values on which the United States of America was founded.

People may ask why is it that we are victims of this atrocity? Why? Because the United States of America, this Capitol under which we serve, is, in fact, the beacon of hope and opportunity for the entire world.

We are paying the price for it, but I tell many colleagues, it is still a very important struggle. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, he said the condition upon which God had given liberty to man is eternal vigilance. We are remaining vigilant, Mr. Speaker, and I want to say that my thoughts and prayers go to all of the victims.

All four of those aircraft were headed to my State of California. My heart goes out to those who are suffering, and I hope very much that we will be able to receive strong bipartisan support for this important resolution which demonstrates our concern not only for the United States of America, but for those who love freedom throughout the entire world.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ACKERMAN), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on the Middle East, a member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, those of us, your colleagues from New York,
come to the floor wounded today because we count ourselves among the mourners. And the interesting thing is, when we have resolutions of this nature from time to time, we name those for whom we mourn. We regret that we cannot even supply you with that massive list as yet. There are so many of our constituents, our friends, our neighbors and relatives, who do not know yet that they are among the mourners. This has not fully set in to our city and to our State. And yet we mourn. And let me assure you that while we mourn, we are not broken. The forces of evil have destroyed our skyline, but they have not destroyed our resolve. They have killed our people, but they have not killed our will. We come here as well to say thank you, to say thank you to each and every one of our colleagues in the House from all over America who have been so supportive to us and to the people that we represent.

We express our special condolences, and at the same time, to our colleague Joe Crowley who is not with us today because his cousin, a brave firefighter, is believed to have perished. Two hundred of our firefighters, over 200, only of our firefighters, are dead. Over 30 of our policemen, representing a great city, a diverse city, made up of so many people, rushing into this burning inferno, tumbling down, knowing that 200 colleagues have already died and yet continuing to go in to try to save their fellow citizens, paying no heed to their own safety.

New Yorkers are tough. We are very tough. We are going to get over this. Yesterday was a day that we practiced our democracy in our State of New York, in a primary day. We were in the middle of an election when this happened. That election has since been set aside. I was in one part of my district outside of the city of New York where there was a race going on for county president. Millions of dollars were being spent, the fight has raged for months and months with both sides spending, the fight has raged where there was a race going on for months and months with both sides spending, the fight has raged. That election has since been set aside. I was in one part of my district outside of the city of New York where there was a race going on for county president. Millions of dollars were being spent, the fight has raged for months and months with both sides spending, the fight has raged.

We bled together as Americans. We cannot give you the names. The names would fill a book. We cannot give you the number, but the number is in the thousands; the mourners in the tens of thousands. But I can tell you that each and every one of them is a martyr, unknowingly; people who went to work, people who got on a plane, people who lost their lives doing things that average Americans do every day.

We will not rest, not one of us, Democrats or Republicans, until the evil people who perpetrated this deed are found. We will not let any rock be unturned under which they have crawled. We know their address and we know their landlords. And let them know that we will find them.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANTOR), a member of the Committee on International Relations, and member of our armed services as they lead America in this time of crisis.

The attacks yesterday are an act of war, and retribution must be swift, sure, and overwhelming. But retribution is not enough. Our ultimate goal must be to identify and destroy the state-sponsored international infrastructure supporting these terrorists who have attacked the U.S. and its citizens.

On Ronald Reagan's first day in office, he told a relieved Nation, upon news that American hostages were released after 44 days of captivity, "The price of freedom at times has been high, but we will never be unwilling to pay that price.

We must continue to rally behind President Bush. The price of freedom is high for Americans, but a price we pay as defenders of the brightest beacon of freedom and opportunity this world has ever known.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, at this time of profound sadness and tragedy in our Nation, I rise with my colleagues in strong support of the resolution before us to condemn the treacherous attacks against our Nation and upon the thousands of our fellow citizens.

My heart and deepest condolences also go out to all the families whose members are missing loved ones as a result of these despicable acts. For those firemen and law enforcement officers, pilots and stewards, who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to risk their lives in order to save others, our Nation stands forever grateful for their services and tremendous sacrifice that they have made.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation mourns its sons and daughters who have died in this senseless tragedy, and our country must stand more united than ever before. We must support the President in his efforts to identify, to pursue, and to punish the persons and organizations responsible for these attacks.

Mr. Speaker, a noted expert on counterterrorism, Professor Yonah Alexander, has long advocated that the world's democracies must develop an effective strategy to face this terrible challenge against international terrorism. Professor Alexander notes, and I quote, "The only light at the end of the tunnel is for a number of nation states and responsible, and personal way, United Nations, to take concerted action against terrorism. Terrorism against one is terrorism against all, regardless of the blood spilled. It is the same red blood. To combat terrorism, no country can deal with this individually, without cooperation and support from others."

Unless a global antiterrorist strategy can be worked out, Professor Alexander concludes that the existence of civilization itself is seriously at risk.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of yesterday's disaster, I want to commend Secretary of State Colin Powell and President Bush in their efforts to call upon all the leaders of the world for a coordinated international response to terrorism. This is no longer a national or a regional issue. This matter should and must require the support of all freedom-loving nations of the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN), Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution. Yesterday's tragic events in our Nation have deeply wounded our hearts. But at the same time, this tragedy has strengthened our resolve to prevent these terrorist acts from ever happening in the future.

As proud Americans, we have united in times of difficulty; and, as in the past, our strength will allow us to prevail in winning the war against terrorism and evil acts against humanity. I urge my colleagues to support President Bush in his efforts to call upon responsible governments to take concerted action against terrorism. Terrorism itself is seriously at risk.

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represent, carrying innocent passengers who would become pawns in the most senseless act of terrorism that you can imagine.

In addition, thousands of New Jersey residents travel back and forth each day from Penn Station, in my home city of Newark, to New York, where many hold jobs at the World Trade Center. This morning, families in New Jersey communities continue the agonizing wait for word on the fate of their loved ones.

As we struggle to comprehend and confront the magnitude of this shocking attack on the United States, let us, above all, remember the victims, the employees, the volunteers, the visitors, the firemen, the policemen, the EMT's, who put their lives on the line. Let us put a human face on this tragedy which claimed the lives of so many people. Let us remember the everyday dreams and hopes we all have, particularly those who only wanted to live their lives in peace, to see their children grow up healthy and happy.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of the victims who are suffering such immense pain. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing appreciation for the humanitarian efforts of all those who have stepped forward to offer assistance in this time of need. Please join me in praying for all of the families who have suffered the loss of loved ones or who still anxiously await news about survivors.

This is the time to come together and to reaffirm that we will always remain one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. It is our job to wisely choose our policies and work hard to understand the root causes of war in which we find ourselves.

We must all pray for peace and ask for God's guidance for our President, our congressional leaders, and all Americans, in prayer and condolences for the victims of yesterday's horrific tragedies. All of us know someone who was directly hurt by that senseless violence. I talked to a constituent, an older woman, whose son-in-law worked at the Pentagon. I talked to a constituent, an older woman, whose son-in-law worked at the World Trade Center.

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Second, at the same time, we must resolve to use all of our efforts to defend ourselves against any similar attacks, and our government is doing that.

Third, we must hunt down those responsible.

History is littered with instances of nations preparing for the last war. Let us learn that lesson, even if a day late. Let us be clear when we use the phrase "war," it is not a turn-of-phrase, it is not a war against drugs, we mean war. I mean identifying the persons and organizations and nations who enable or facilitate war, and then punishing them in all proper way. There will be no peace until such time as we have done so. God bless the United States and the people of the United States.

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, we stand here today mere miles away from a tragedy that shook our Nation and left many shocked and angered by an act of unprecedented brutality on America's shores.

As we emerge from the incomprehensible darkness into the light of this day, let us concentrate first our prayer and mourning, our sadness and our sorrow, for the victims of this unimaginable horror, and then, second, send our love, our racism and our pride, thanks to the courageous police, firefighters, and medical staff who have made great sacrifices, and, in some cases, given their lives, to care for the injured and take care of our dead.

In our search for understanding and truth, we should remember that now, especially at this time of need, it is truly our reliance on a higher power that will see us through. So as we pray to our God, let us not forget that real security and real peace come through justice; that fear and prejudice divert us from our true and righteous cause; and that we are a country that stands for the rule of law.

The perpetrators of this crime can and will be dealt with. We must be careful not to rush to judgment and must ensure that when we strike back, we deliver a blow against those truly responsible for these terrible crimes.

President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell have steered us on a prudent course. Now is the time for us to trust their leadership.

Father Coughlin reminded us this morning of the guidance that is available to us from God. He reminded us to build this and every day on a foundation of justice, and to mourn our dead with acts of compassion.

My prayer for America today is that we heed Father Coughlin's call, that all of us Americans will soon join together and re dedicate ourselves to the fight to defeat racism and to fulfill our dreams both at home and abroad with an unbounded commitment to freedom, justice, peace, and security for us all.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA).

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a broken heart, torn between great sorrow and great anger in support of this resolution.

I have been asked to express my total contempt for the cowards who perpetrated this horrific act of terrorism. In fact, I believe America has no words sufficient to express their contempt for the cowards who perpetrated this horrific act of terrorism against the people of America.

I would cite the President's words of earlier today, when he said, "The deliberate and deadly attacks which were carried out yesterday against the country were more than acts of terror, they were acts of war." 

I, therefore, thank the majority leader and the minority leader and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) for putting together such a thoughtful and timely resolution condemning the terrible acts aimed directly at the freedoms and liberties of the American people.

To Americans across the Nation who mourn and weep, I say, I call on you to focus your anger on the perpetrators of this unlawful act and not to cast anger on neighbors, on coworkers, simply because of their certain religion, race, or nationality. It is our resolve to bring about justice, and we must remember that when fighting against terrorism and extremism which has twisted their hatred into a system of beliefs not consistent with the major religions of the world, that these acts are condemned by Christianity, that these acts are condemned by Judaism, and that these acts are condemned by Islam. I must ask all Americans to remember that as we seek the revenge that we as a people are entitled to. God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN), a distinguished member of the committee.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we witnessed the greatest loss of American life on American soil since our Civil War. I fear that we are reacting as if a few hundred Americans died at the hands of a small band of terrorists. I fear that we will just launch a dozen cruise missiles and call it a day like we did after our embassies were bombed in East Africa.

Let us wake up! There are probably 10,000 or more dead Americans. That is four times the number that died at Pearl Harbor.

I do not know whether Osama bin Laden is responsible, but I join the distinguished gentleman from California in demanding that Afghanistan extradite bin Laden to the United States because we do know that bin Laden killed 17 Americans at the Embassy in Cole and bombed our embassies in East Africa.

But let me go further. If the Taliban government refuses, we should go to war. It is a war we can win, as we won the war in Kosovo, chiefly with air power, with the support of local allies. The Northern Alliance of Afghanistan shelled Kabul last night. That alliance may have suffered the death of the severe wounding of its leader, General Masoud at the hands of bin Laden's assassins just 2 days ago. However, the Northern Alliance is intact, and if the Afghan Government does not surrender bin Laden by the end of this week, then the Northern Alliance should be the best armed rebel army in the world by the end of this month.

We can, with permission or without permission, fly over the territories of countries in order to bomb the Taliban and re supply the Northern Alliance. A war against the Taliban government of Afghanistan will involve American casualties, but how many thousands of casualties will we suffer if we allow a foreign government to harbor and support well-organized, well-financed terrorist groups capable of mass murder.

This will be a war against the Taliban, but it is not a war against Islam. I join the prior speaker in saying we must respect Americans of all faiths.

September 11, 2001 is a day that will live in infamy. This may be the greatest loss of life on American soil since the Civil War. Today's loss of life may approach or exceed the loss of life at Pearl Harbor. After Pearl Harbor some suggested appeasement, and withdrawal from Asia and the Pacific. Instead the greatest generation made the greatest sacrifices to win our greatest victory.

America must mobilize for a war against terrorism, not only against the criminals responsible for today's horrific events, but all terrorism.

This is not a war against Islam, or against Muslims. Our last three wars were waged to protect people who happen to be Muslim. We restored independence to the people of Kuwait and then engaged in two further wars in which we had no economic stake. In the mid-1990s, we protected the Bosnian Muslims from genocidal horror. In 1999, we went to war against Serbia, a Christian country, to protect its Albanian Muslim minority from genocide. In 1999, we went to war against Serbia, a Christian country, to protect its Albanian Muslim minority from genocide. In 1999, we went to war against Serbia, a Christian country, to protect its Albanian Muslim minority from genocide.

Today we suffered greater casualties than in all three of those wars combined.

There are some dancing in the streets of certain foreign cities who believe that the terrorists who killed thousands of American civilians have proven their strength by killing thousands of civilians. America has the power to kill civilians by the tens of thousands or the tens of millions. However America's greatest strength is that we do everything possible to avoid killing civilians, even those who dance today in delight.

For years, we have begged our friends to curtail investment and aid to countries which support terrorism. Now in this war for decency and civilization we must have the full support of our allies. Those who claim to be friends of America must join America in the fight against those who are enemies as usual with countries which harbor terrorists.

We appreciate the statements of sympathy from the Taliban government in Afghanistan, but this is clearly insufficient. The Taliban government must turn over Osama bin Laden and his associates to the international community. If the Afghan government gives us excuses instead of giving us bin Laden, we must take harsh action. This would include providing arms and
perhaps air cover to the forces in Northern Afgha-

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Mr. Speaker, our faith in God and the
strength of our democracy will help ease our
Nation’s sorrow, will help us rebuild and, in-
importantly, will help us understand what was
happened yesterday must never happen again.
I urge adoption of the resolution, Mr.
Speaker.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distin-
guished gentleman from Virginia (Mr.
FORBES), a member of the Committee on
Armed Services.
Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, on Sep-
tember 11, 2001, America was brutally
attacked by cowards who intentionally
ended the lives of innocent men, women
and children. Many have said
today that Americans will never be the
same. How could we be?
We will never again see the faces of
those who were lost. We will never ex-
perience the promise their lives af-
forded us all. We will never forget
the courage and strength of our police,
fire and rescue teams who paid such a
huge price to protect us during this national
tragedy.
Yet, for those around the world who
celebrate these acts, believing they
have weakened the cause of freedom,
let the message go forth that the torch
of freedom has been rekindled in every
American heart and glows brighter
today than ever before. Let them know
that we shall build a living memorial
to all of the victims which shall be the
unity and resolve we bring to destroy
terrorism and the systems that sustain
terrorism around the world. Let the
message be clear that you do not kill
Americans and get away with it.
Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am de-
lighted to yield 2 minutes to the gen-
tleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL),
my friend, a distinguished member of
the Committee on International Rela-
tions.
Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I thank
the gentleman for yielding me this
minute.
Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak
from the heart. I have had a very tough
couple of days. I think America lost
our innocence yesterday, and I just
kept thinking that perhaps this was a
bad dream and we would somehow
wake up and it would not be true, but
we all know it is.
Mr. Speaker, I am a New Yorker,
born and bred. I love our city. I was in
New York when this tragedy occurred.
I often say to my children when we
come back to New York, look at the
skylines, look at the World Trade Cen-
ter. It is so invigorating. It makes me
feel so wonderful just to be in this city,
the city I love, the city in which I was
born.
Mr. Speaker, we New Yorkers are a
tough breed; but I have to tell my col-
leagues, Mr. Speaker, this morning at 7
a.m. when I went over the George
Washington Bridge to come back down
here to Washington and I took a look
at the Twin Towers. The Twin Towers
were not there and in its place I saw the smoke and the fire, I
really lost it. I really lost it.
Mr. Speaker, as much as I have lost it because I do not see the towers there, it pales by comparison when I think of the victims, the men, women and children, who lost their lives: the firemen, the policemen who came there to save people’s lives and lost their lives. People who go to work, like millions of people in this great country go to work to earn a living to support their families. And they go to work and they are killed by lunatics.

We have some questions to be asked. Mr. Speaker. We have to ask why our intelligence failed us, why our security failed us. Congress has to get to the bottom of this and ask these questions. Congress will find out.

Let me say to the terrorists and those people in the streets that we saw, the Palestinians and others who were dancing in the streets with glee, let me say to them and Osama bin Laden and the Taliban and all the people that support terrorism, you have awakened a sleeping giant. The United States will not rest until we root out every one of you, until we root out the terror and the terrorist cells.

We are going to rally around our President, as we always have, with bipartisanship. We are all one America. God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, this morning, Americans woke to discover the nightmare of September 11, 2001, was a reality. It was a day of infamy. Never before have we as a Nation experienced such aggression on our own shores which targeted innocent civilians. And we as Americans should be outraged.

This is an act of war. We resolve to find the perpetrators and punish them harshly. As a Nation, we will not be intimidated. We stand strong with great determination.

I want to express our heartfelt grief for the victims and their families. We mourn our tragic loss. We offer our prayers, our comfort, and our resolve.

I also want to thank the firefighters, the rescue personnel, and the police who have risked, and, in many cases, lost their lives to search for those impacted by this terrible attack. Personnel from my district and the districts of many others in Montgomery County, Maryland have joined forces with those from across the Nation. We join them in solidarity as they continue with their incredible efforts.

To all the volunteers, those who are giving blood and helping in every way possible. Without question, this attack on our liberty and freedom is a strike against all nations that value democracy. No attack as cowardly as the one we have just experienced will go unanswered. We will act decisively, and our response must be as formidable as our military can muster.

Our history has been defined by the reactivity of our people. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to exclaim that we Americans will join together in a bipartisan fashion to solemnly pledge to defend freedom and liberty. As stated in the resolution before us, September 12, 2001, shall be a national day of unity and mourning.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Across the Nation, the pain and the grief certainly runs deep. Yesterday’s events have saddened and seared the hearts of all Americans. But only, only as we put human faces on the thousands of casualties can we even begin to comprehend the magnitude and the impact of this unspeakable attack on our homeland.

People from my district like Jeffrey Coombs of Abington, Massachusetts, aboard Flight 11; Brian Sweeney, a Barnstable resident, on Flight 175; and Stuart Meltzer, who worked on the 103rd floor of the World Trade Center, whose family on Cape Cod followed televised news reports with horror, and, and continue to hope that he is alive.

In their names, and in those of all the other victims, we will find and punish those who committed these atrocities. This was an assault not only on America and its people but on all that America represents, and on the hopes and dreams of a world that yearns for peace, freedom, and justice under law that is so special to America.

In striking at us, the terrorists sought to exploit the openness of our society and to shake the foundations of the civilized order which America sustains. Well, they will fail. Our challenge now, and the test of our democracy, is to harness our anger and our passion to respond in a manner that is firm, clear, and just, that befits a great Nation and honors our own ideal and our history.

We will heal these wounds and we will honor the memory of those that we so tragically lost. God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PLATT).

Mr. PLATT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me. I rise in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, passage of this joint resolution will make it clear to the world that the Members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike, are united in our prayers and concerns for the victims of these terrible and heinous attacks, and that we are united in our resolve to see justice done on their behalf.

The divisions between us over other issues in past months pale in comparison and now seem very trivial. The horrific events of yesterday, September 11, 2001, have united us all.

As we move forward, let us not forget the victims. Let us not forget their families. Let us not forget the heroes. Let us not forget our united resolve to see justice prevail.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and neighbor, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE), a distinguished member of the Committee on International Relations.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank our ranking member for yielding time to me.

Today I rise to condemn the horrific tragedy of September 11 and to acknowledge today, September 12, as a national day of unity and mourning.

I mourn the deaths of men, women, and children on four airplanes, who boarded these planes to visit their relatives, conduct business, embark upon vacations. I mourn the deaths and injuries of thousands of people who went to work yesterday at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, thinking it was just another Tuesday. I mourn the deaths and injuries of the brave firefighters, EMTs, and police officers who rushed to the aid of the victims and who became victims themselves. Their heroism will never be forgotten.

And to the brave emergency personnel and volunteers still working tirelessly to save lives, words cannot express our gratitude.

This tragedy has shattered the lives of so many men, women, and children throughout our country and in my home district in California. My heart goes out to them, and my prayers and my thoughts.

As an immediate response, we really must increase resources and efforts to fight terrorism and to provide support for emergency services, reconstruction, and recovery. The United States must remain strong and vigilant in its sense of national unity, and move forward to protect against further atrocities.

This was an attack on our Nation, its people, our democratic principles, our laws, and our cherished beliefs. We must resist impulses to cast blame on the basis of religion and ethnicity.

The Congress and the administration must work together to achieve a full...
and thorough investigation into the source of this act of terrorism in order to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice. At a more fundamental level, the world must create a peaceful world where those who would commit such desperate, despicable, and cold-hearted actions will not find support and protection.

I urge adoption of this resolution.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON).

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of our great Nation and against the dastardly acts of terrorism that we have seen. September 11, 2001, will forever live in the hearts and minds of not just Americans, but every single person who values freedom, peace, and security.

The loved ones of the victims and aid workers are in my thoughts and prayers, and the most important thing is that America remains strong, and we will certainly overcome this tragedy.

I saw the pictures of that destruction, especially in New York and at the Pentagon, which is where I was just 5 minutes before that happened. I was in Vietnam as a GI. I saw 526s bomb Hanoi day after day after day, and I am telling the Members, with over 100 bombs from each one of those bombers, the destruction was not as great as what I have seen in New York City and at the Pentagon yesterday. It is horrible. Members can bet we will hunt down and punish the cowards responsible for that act.

This declaration, this resolution that we have in front of us today, declares that these premeditated attacks struck not only the people of the United States, but also at the symbols and structures of our economic and military strength, and that the United States is entitled to respond under international law. The problem with that is it does not.

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, our prayers of all faiths are with the families and the victims of yesterday's attacks. Our hopes are with those rescue personnel who are, at this very moment, working with all their heart to find the survivors. And our sorrow is shared by all Americans, for we have all been touched by this heinous act.

But the organizers of this violence will not ultimately succeed in their attack. For the object of terror is to instill fear to achieve a purpose. We may not yet know the purpose motivating the attack, but our collective sorrow should not be mistaken for fear. The terrorists only succeed if we give into fear. The terrorists may have destroyed thousands of lives and buildings that symbolize our strength and freedom, but their attacks cannot destroy the larger hopes and ideals of this country.

While we act now to reach out a hand to help the victims of this attack, we must also reach out another hand to punish those who perpetrated it and those who sheltered them. The wanton cowardice, the deliberate targeting of innocents, demand justice. Justice will be served, but it will require perseverance.

We do not yet know whom to blame, and our effort to strike back will not be easy—terrorists groups are more easily defined by ideology than geography. But in the face of cynical evil, we are one Congress, one people, one Nation, and we shall prevail.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOEFFEL), a member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution and in support of my country. As I walked to work this morning across the Capitol grounds, I was struck, as I often am, as I always am, by the beauty of the Capitol Building.

It occurred to me, as I saw the dome shining so whitely against that bright blue sky today, such a glorious symbol of stability and strength of this country, that it could have been a target yesterday of that fourth ill-fated hijacked plane.

The simple truth is that if a terrorist act had destroyed the Capitol dome yesterday, or if a thousand terrorist acts had obliterated the Capitol, America would still be standing firm, as it is today. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the President as our government hunts down and punishes those who were responsible for yesterday's acts of war and for those who assisted in any way.

The United States is the greatest country in the world, and we will prove that once again as we bury our dead and heal our wounded, rebuild our greatest city and the Pentagon, punish the perpetrators, and rekindle the light of liberty and freedom in all our citizens.

My prayers and condolences go out to the victims of yesterday's cowardly and inhumane attacks. America will never forget the innocent lives that were lost yesterday, and will never be able to forget or repay the bravery of those who are working heroically to save lives in New York and at the Pentagon.

Yesterday was a turning point for America, a galvanizing event that has unified Congress and the American people and the President to wage war against terrorism. I hope and I believe that our response to this attack is the beginning of the end of the threat of international terrorism.

Let us act to make it so, and may God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD), a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

My friends from home and I are also praying today for a miracle, as Gordon Aamoth, Jr., from our community of Wayzata, Minnesota, who worked in the World Trade Center, is still unaccounted for.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the victims and their loved ones, and our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the many American heroes who are still out there with the rescue and recovery operations.

Let us be clear: This Congress stands united and unanimous in our resolve to use every resource available to track down those dastardly terrorists and destroy them. We also stand united in supporting our President and Commander in Chief in that just and decisive action against these cowardly, despicable terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, the people of America will prevail because we are Americans. As the President said last night, a great people have been moved to defend a great Nation. Mark my words, the United States will recover, and we will hold these heinous terrorists accountable for their brutal and barbaric acts of war.

Mr. Speaker, today the healing begins. Through our tears, we pray for strength. Through our anger, we pray for resolve. Through our hurt, we pray for healing. Most of all, Mr. Speaker, we pray for our fellow Americans who were killed or injured yesterday, as well as their families and friends who grieve so deeply. Mere words are inadequate to express our sympathy and sorrow. May God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER), a valued member of the Committee on International Relations.
Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman’s courtesy. In our shock and anger and sorrow over this cowardly attack, it is important for us to seize this moment. We Americans learn to draw strength from adversity. In this terrible time, we are demonstrating that Americans have their priorities straight. Our first attention is to provide aid and comfort for the victims and their families. Our next priority is for the safety of our fellow citizens, now and in the future. Finally, America demands justice. We will seek out and hold responsible the cowards who inflicted such carnage on thousands of innocent people.

In meeting these priorities, there is a role for every American. Citizens around the country are already stepping forward, giving blood and providing assistance to families of victims. The President has urged that we not allow the terrorist cowards to score a victory by preventing Americans from living life to the fullest. This suggests another important role for Americans, not just going about our business supporting our families and helping others, but refusing to give up our public spaces or our personal liberty.

America will not surrender its freedom to fear nor will we fall victim to the baser instincts to perpetuate a downward spiral of violence we have seen in other parts of the world. We will not allow anyone in America to be targeted because of race, religion, or ethnic heritage. Americans believe in the rule of law. There are already pressures in some quarters to lash out. Revenge may be temporarily satisfying, but we Americans have a higher value than revenge. We want justice. Now is the time for all Americans to show that we are different, to demonstrate our strength, our resolve, our outrage to be equal to the terrible circumstances that fate has given us.

We will not allow the tragic loss of thousands of our fellow citizens to be in vain. This memory will be forever etched in our consciousness, but America will emerge stronger. As Pearl Harbor signaled a turning of the tide against the forces of tyranny and oppression, so too this tragic horror must mark the beginning of the end for the forces of terror and cowardice.

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Our hearts may be broken and our eyes full of tears, but we Americans have a message for those who carried out this cowardly attack and for those who gave them assistance and shelter: let this be a warning to any who wish to harm us. Americans will not back down. Americans will never live in fear.

As Thomas Jefferson once said: “I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.” We will persevere over the tyranny of terror, and we will persevere over tyrants everywhere.

God bless America. God bless our people.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. Myrick), a member of the Committee on Rules.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a tragedy of just unspeakable proportions. It was an act of war against our way of life. I am convinced that no matter what the risk may be, we may never be free of this evil threat; and we will continue to pay a terrible price.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 61, which expresses the sense of the Senate and the House regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States.

My heartfelt sympathy extends to all the families, many from our region, who lost loved ones in this terrible act of cowardice. The mothers, the fathers, the sons, the daughters, the friends and neighbors who perished in the World Trade Center in New York City, at the Pentagon, and on four commercial airlines will never be forgotten.

I also want to extend my thanks and praise to the courageous firefighters, rescue workers, police officers, service men and women, and the scores of volunteers who have been working around the clock with regard to the rescue effort.

As the words of the resolution state, these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States. And by targeting symbols of America’s strength and success, they clearly were intended to intimidate our Nation and weaken its resolve. We will not be intimidated. We will do all we can and stand behind President Bush, our nation’s commander in chief, as he works to respond to the evils of terrorism.

We also stand behind the statement that there will be no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them. I am committed to seeing that every resource possible be put together and put towards apprehending and punishing the people who planned and assisted in the implementation of these heinous actions against innocent victims. Our response must be swift and aggressive. The terrorists must be brought to justice and the countries which harbor them must be held responsible.

We are a strong Nation, united in our determination to continue to be the beacon of freedom to all in the world. We should pray for our country. May God bless America and God bless all our people.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my good friend, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BISHOP), a distinguished Member of Congress.

Mr. BISHOP. I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, so far, nothing our country has done to deter terrorism has worked on an enduring basis. In spite of our intelligence operations, retaliatory strikes, and fair arrests and trials, the murderous attacks have continued unabated and have escalated in severity culminating in yesterday’s slaughter of thousands of our citizens. Unless our nation unites behind a more effective terrorism strategy, no matter how much punishment we deliver, whatever the risk may be, we may never be free of this evil threat; and we will continue to pay a terrible price.
Mr. Speaker, many of us have been touched personally by this tragedy. One of my former staff members, Brittlye Wise Salinardi, is the wife of the president of the Women’s Trade Center, Rich Salinardi. Rich is missing and Brittlye is devastated with anxiety, having no word of his fate. Our prayers are with these extraordinary young people and their families and with all who have been touched and who have suffered so grievously from yesterday’s attack.

Let us stand together to rid the world of the evil forces responsible for the war they are waging against humanity. I support this resolution. Let us rid the world of this scourge of terrorism and make those responsible pay the price.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DUNN), a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution not only as a Member of Congress but also as an American citizen who is deeply saddened by the heinous acts committed yesterday against the United States. These are acts of hatred. They are acts of violence. They are acts of war.

Today, after hearing more accounts of what thousands of individuals endured yesterday, it is clear that yesterday’s events will live forever in the memory of every American. One thing is certain, the President, Congress, and military leaders have launched the greatest manhunt this country has ever known. There will be serious consequences for these unconscionable acts of aggression.

I can assure the people of my State of Washington, many who have lost friends and loved ones, that in their names and in our names, we are committed to working with our President and our military and intelligence leaders in supporting them in any actions they believe are appropriate. As the President has said, we are a nation of spirit and strength. We will prevail.

From blood banks that were overflowing with donors to the thousands of rescue workers who traveled to Manhattan and to the Pentagon to help with relief efforts, we have shown that we are one strong nation. We will be united as we deal with this tragedy.

I have no doubt that those responsible for yesterday’s actions do not understand the American people. They believe that they can destroy our values and our system by destroying our buildings. They forget that our heritage is the heritage of patriots, and freedom, democracy, and liberty are instilled deep in the hearts and the minds of every American.

Mr. Speaker, the flame of patriotism will not be extinguished. In fact, today, it burns more brightly than ever before.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO), my friend and colleague and a valued member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the ranking member from California, for yielding me this time; and I too rise in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, there are no words to describe the unbelievable horror and the traumatic shock that all Americans feel in the aftermath of yesterday’s cowardly attack upon our great nation. These murderers, terrorists, and their sponsors clearly do not understand America. If they did, they would have known that American resolve and the spirit of democracy and freedom cannot be broken by these heinous actions of brutality and disregard for all human life.

While they intended to weaken the very core of our national identity, all they did was strengthen our devotion to one another, to our government, to our great country and to our never ending support of liberty not only here, but around the globe.

In the faces of the emergency personnel working to rescue innocent victims in New York and at the Pentagon, and in the faces of thousands of Americans waiting in line to donate blood, we can see the enduring strength of America and demonstrates the devotion that brings us all together for healing. In these hard, dire times, when we are faced with the cold reality of terrorism, it is heartening to see that all Americans, regardless of party affiliation, regardless of religious beliefs, race, or ethnicity are coming together to show the world that the United States will not tolerate terrorism nor will we ever abandon our values of democracy and freedom.

Let us also remember that at our very core we are and always will be a Nation of feeling, caring immigrants. That has been our enduring strength and it is the future of the Nation. But do not mistake that for weakness or for indecision. We stand united behind our President and our leaders in the sure and certain faith that we will indeed persevere and bring justice to all those responsible for these atrocities.

We are committed.

Thank you America. God bless us all.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE), chairman of the Subcommittee on Education Reform of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the former governor of Delaware.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, like millions of my fellow American citizens, I am feeling a series of emotions ranging from tremendous sadness to shock and anger. The sadness is almost overwhelming when we see images of destruction in New York and the Pentagon and when we think of the families that have been torn apart by this unprecedented tragedy.

We are shocked that a terrorist attack of this magnitude could happen in the United States and that public buildings in our largest cities were attacked.

We are also angry, angry that these terrorist criminals have resorted to using civilian airlines as their weapons of destruction and that they targeted thousands of innocent people going about their daily lives.

Yes, these terrorists have met their goal of causing us this sadness, shock and anger. But what they may not realize is that they have awakened tremendous resolve and determination of American people. We are grieving in mourning for those who were lost, and we are reaching out to the families. At the same time, we are determined to respond to this attack.

These horrific acts of violence are equal to any act of war we have ever faced. In many ways, they go beyond what we have experienced in the past because they have targeted innocent people who would never be the primary targets of violence in any past definition of war.

This is a defining moment in our history. We must marshal all of our other emotions to strengthen our determination to respond to this attack in a comprehensive and ongoing manner.

The terrorist criminals who committed this act have awakened the giant that is America. We will not rest until we bring these criminals to justice and to combat the terrorism that threatens the entire civilized world.

We must change our view of terrorism. It is no longer an occasional threat that we respond to and then return to a sense of complacency. It will take a new approach, a comprehensive one that includes our military, our intelligence capability, and how we protect our citizens at home and abroad.

We are sad and angry, but we are also determined. Let us use this determination to honor those who were lost and to protect all Americans for today and in the future.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR).

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 61.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.J. Res. 61 which deprecates yesterday’s barbarous attack against our country and our people. I commend all of my colleagues for their heartfelt and inspiring words. I would like to add my voice to the resounding unanimity of this body in paying tribute to our fellow countrymen, and condemning the treacherous act of terrorism which struck at the heart of our nation.
First, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to families and friends who have lost their love ones in this horrendous, tragic event. These innocent lives were lost in an avoidable, preventable manner. They were not, however, ended without cause. We know that they died in defense of our country, of the American way of life. All of those grieving should know that these lives were not lost in vain.

In York and Washis and need, I have been astounded by the countless acts of solidarity and self-sacrifice exhibited by Americans toward their neighbors. These are, indeed, "the times that try men’s souls." America has been tried and it has been proven true. True to the ideals of courage, of honor, of love and friendship to our fellow man. We must give thanks to live in a land that inspires such loving and giving people. Sufficient praise cannot be given to the fire-fighters, relief workers, and ordinary citizens who, in the face of life-threaten ing adversity, turned and entered the jaws of death to save lives. Some of these brave heroes sacrificed themselves that others might live. In this day and age, when we are accused of being a selfish, self-centered and apathetic generation, we can look back to these acts and these people and they will give us strength and faith in ourselves and in our great nation.

And as we look back, we must also look forward. For our task ahead is to continue the work of "making the world safe for democracy." We are called upon now to renew and strengthen this great and radiant ideal. As many here have said so forcefully and eloquently, democracy itself has been threatened and we must respond. We must respond by steeling ourselves against our enemies, and fighting against the chaos they sought to inflict upon us. We must continue to demonstrate our strength and our unity. We must continue to show the world that we are one country, with one heart and one will. We will find our enemies, we will meet them and we will defeat them. And just as the bombings of New York and Washington were moral as well as physical attacks, we must concentrate our efforts on defeating our moral as well as our physical enemies. Terrorism does not reside in one man, in one country. It is an idea which must be combated each day in the hearts and minds if it is to be defeated once and for all. And just as we must and will find and bring to justice those who are responsible for this atrocious and unpardonable act, we must not think that one attack will be sufficient. The war on terrorism will be a war to eradicate the seeds of terrorism, a war to eliminate the environment in which terrorism takes root. To make the world safe for democracy, we must make the world impossible for terrorism.

I thank the Speaker for giving me the opportunity to express my sorrow, sympathy, admiration and appreciation. As a member of Congress, we must move together and present a unified front to our allies and enemies—meeting the former with love, appreciation and solidarity, the latter with steadfast resolve and determination. God bless America and our righteous cause.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ).

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues, our fellow Americans, and people around the world to offer our prayers to the families of those lost in yesterday’s unspeakable crimes.

We stand here in solidarity with the President, who represents this Nation and its resolve to hunt down those responsible and bring them to justice. No one doubts our unity and our commitment to rebuild in the wake of this deliberate tragedy.

To the thousands of Americans who have lost loved ones or still wait in vigil for the missing, we offer prayers and hope for you who were devastated by yesterday’s events. You have suffered an incredible personal tragedy and receive our sympathy for bearing the brunt of this assault on our Nation.

To the people of New York, you demonstrated the finest heroism and humanity during the direst hour. Thousands of you risked your lives to help others as smoke, ash and debris rained on you. Thousands more of you streamed into blood donation centers to meet an incredible demand, saving countless more lives. Your spirit and resilience make our city and our country great. Together we will rebuild our city even greater than it was before.

To the American people, we feel the same pain and anger you feel as we stand witness together to these terrible events, and we support the effort to find those who aided or abetted these crimes. They will be found, and they will be brought to justice.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Americans to reach out to one another for support on this difficult day. For in our unity, we find our greatest strength to steel ourselves for the challenges that face us.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri (Mr. HULSHOF).

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, words fail us. We dutifully attempt to muster as much eloquence as is humanly possible; and yet no one can adequately express the events that have so dominated us during these dark days.

The most basic civil right of human-kind is to be free from fear. Yesterday, every American had his or her civil right outraged the whole of the day. These unprovoked, yet provocative, attacks on the highest profile symbols of American culture have caused untold loss of life. Innocent victims perished for no reason.

Violent men who commit acts of war against the American people. Ordinary citizens became extraordianry. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE).

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution. Yesterday’s act of war will go down in history as an act that forever changed America. Not since Pearl Harbor has our country faced such a horror. But this attack took aim at innocent people who when they kissed their families goodbye in the morning merely were going to work. And yesterday’s attackers, rather than an identifiable enemy, were anonymous, faceless, people who don’t have the courage to come out of the dark to claim their despicable handiwork.

What is the same today as it was in 1941, is the will and the strength of America. We may be bloodied, but we are unbowed. We must respond, as we did at that critical juncture, with determination, courage and unity. We must understand that the war we must wage against barbarism is more complex than the wars we have fought in the past, but like those we will be won with a single military strike. It will take wisdom and patience. Our challenge is to strengthen our defenses so that we will never again have to see scenes like we witnessed yesterday and to increase our intelligence gathering capabilities while at the same time maintaining our core American values. It would serve only the ends of the extremists if we were to trample the Bill of Rights in response to this crisis.

I have been heartened by the response of the American people. Ordinary citizens became extraordianry orators in responding to these barbarous attacks. I hope that the people responsible for yesterday’s atrocities have been watching, because if they have been they now know that they have done nothing but firm our resolve. They are no closer to causing America to recognize its true strength than they were before this heinous attack. We are stronger today that we were yesterday.

We must ferret out these monsters and bring them to justice. We owe it to the children who lost their parents and the parents who lost their children to hold the unaccountable those institutions and groups that have supported them in their madness. We must hold the line against hatred. We must
Mr. Speaker. I yield the floor to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LANTOS).

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Mr. Speaker, simply put, in the annals of our history, September 11, 2001 will be forever remembered as a day of unprecedented barbarism.

Perhaps most tragic, the Constitutional right to enjoy a daily newspaper—the same protections which allow us to serve in Congress and which millions of men and women fought and died to guarantee to every American—were cruelly exploited for a vile purpose: to simply slaughter thousands of innocents.

Mr. Speaker, there's a good chance we'll never know how many Americans perished in these attacks.
We'll certainly never comprehend the sheer terror they felt, nor the anguish their loved ones are facing today.

But in our capacity as human beings we can certainly respond to this threat.

This was an act of war against the American people, as such, Congress must ensure our armed forces appropriately respond to this attack quickly and decisively eliminate the individuals and their allies who would strike a blow against our nation.

We must set the same goals of previous generations of Americans, and seek an absolute unconditional victory that ensures our sons and daughters wives and husbands, and friends and neighbors are never, ever again exposed to such an act of barbarism.

We stand together as members of Congress and as Americans in our resolve to identify those responsible for conceiving and carrying out these acts of war, and to exact justice for this unforgivable assault.

With that, I urge my colleagues to adopt this resolution.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD).

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, today in the aftermath of the most devastating attack on American civilians in our Nation’s history, we take up the task of rebuilding our spirits, reaffirming our commitment to our national values, and making the pledge that this will never happen again.

As we console the families of the victims, as we remind ourselves about the core American values of freedom and democracy, and as we make plans to deal with the terrorists, we must remember who we are as a people. We are the participants of a great democratic undertaking, a national project which stands as an example for the rest of the world. We have a duty to perfect and protect our Nation, and we must never be swayed from the road towards freedom and democracy for ourselves and as a beacon for the planet.

Mr. Speaker, there are many emotions that race through our bodies individually and collectively. We are saddened by the pictures of the attacks and elated with pride by the essential goodness of our people, and we are also filled with anger and thoughts of vengeance as we contemplate future action.

We must be mindful of our responsibilities as leaders to deal with this crisis in an orderly manner which demonstrates calm, which reassures our people that we will be an even greater people in the future, and which provides evidence of our core values as people committed to the families and friends of the victims. We must remind ourselves of the democratic values which make us great and which make us a target.

Mr. Speaker, then we must take action to reform and ensure that this never happens again. We must conduct ourselves with dignity and resolve, confident in the inevitable success in our national purpose and democracy. The people of Guam stand ready to do our part in this national crusade at this time of crisis. As so often has happened in the past century, Guam is ready to do its part in national defense, in demonstrating resolve. We have made our contributions in the past. We will do our part again and again in this century.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN), my good friend and colleague.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding me the time.

I rise in support of the resolution and I join with Americans and that we as a Nation will rest until the enemies responsible for this attack upon our country and, indeed, democracies everywhere have been brought to justice.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS), my good friend and colleague.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, Margaret Thatcher once said that the U.S. was unique because it was the only country whose very existence was based on an idea, the idea of freedom. Whether on a battlefield or in a factory, at home or abroad, in peace or confrontation, it is the American heart, an unbridled and unyielding spirit, that has pulled us through over 200 years of freedom.

On September 11, 2001, America’s calm was shattered by a horrendous act of terrorism. There is no doubt that this day will long be remembered, and our thoughts and prayers are with those whose lives have been forever altered by this tragedy. America responded to this tragedy the way we have responded to past ones, by coming together and reaching out to one another. Yesterday, Americans rushed to the aid of their fellow Americans without thought of the possible consequences to themselves.

Even as we pull together to recover from this tragedy, one thing is perfectly clear and has been made over and over again today and yesterday: America has never, nor will it now, yield to terrorism. Make no mistake, we will find and bring to justice the terrorists who in any manner helped carry out these heinous crimes. They have made a fatal miscalculation and should expect swift and severe retaliation by the United States of America.

Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in strong support of this resolution expressing heartfelt condolences to the victims and families directly impacted by yesterday’s horrific acts of violence and in condemning the cowardly acts of terrorism against our country.

These acts were intended to shatter the very foundation of American society, but instead this violence has highlighted the fact that we Americans are strongest and most united in the face of adversity.

This is evident as we watch the heroic effort of the men and women who are valiantly responding to help the victims of these murderous acts, and it is evident in our Nation’s resolve and unity to find and punish those responsible for these unconscionable acts of violence against innocent Americans.

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Mr. Speaker, a new day has dawned in America. Yesterday morning, our Nation felt the full force of terrorism and saw the real face of an attack designed to cripple this Nation by cowards who hold no regard for human life. In a carefully coordinated and well-planned attack on symbols of our Nation’s strength, they sought to destroy the very foundation of our democracy. In this new day, the entire world has learned they failed. Their cowardly attack has shaken our country and has taken from us some of our best and brightest, but they had not crippled our Nation. Their attempt to destroy our democracy has only served to make it stronger.

Our Nation, united and with great resolve, will never win on a field of battle. As Americans, we will comfort our grieving countrymen. As Americans, we will heal our wounded. As Americans, we will bury our dead. And then, as Americans, we will remember why they died and track down those who perpetrated this act. We shall not be deterred, and we shall not be defeated.

Yesterday, an act of war was carried out against these United States. Today, a united American people are prepared to rebuild their lives and communities. Driven by the principles of democracy, this place that some call America and we call home has been strengthened because the American people have strengthened.

America will remain a beacon for peace and freedom around the world. American history is dotted with instances when American lives were lost, but the new dawn highlights our greatest asset, the resolve of the American people.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY), a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, this is a simple measure but heartfelt. There is no way to express our feelings of grief and sorrow for the American citizens who are dead and injured from this horrible, gruesome, barbarism that struck our Nation yesterday and our cities of New York and Washington. My condolences go out to all of the innocent people who suffered from the brutality of these world terrorists who sought out the innocent to complete their cruel missions.

Those who committed this atrocity are, simply put, the scum of the Earth and they must be punished. The acts of terrorism are not the daily concerns of Americans. We must be able to feel secure in our homes. Acts of terrorism must be stopped. As a Member of Congress, I will work to make sure that the terrorist organizations that carried out this horrible act and those who helped them and protect them are destroyed. I am willing to commit all the resources necessary to accomplish this goal.

Our President stated yesterday, “Our resolve has been tested, and we will show the world that we will pass that test.” I agree. I can only add that our action must be swift and decisive.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ).

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. We need to take proper action.

Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, I rise today and offer my condolences and prayers to the families of the thousands who lost their lives in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. Our nation has faced an unspeakable evil that will forever color how we live our lives and conduct our policy. Our world has always been a dangerous place, and it will continue to be so. After leaving this historical building yesterday, I wasn’t altogether sure we would see it again. This building, representing our freedom and democracy, is a very large target for those who oppose our country. It will continue to be a target.

Of course, if that fact can change how we work here, then the terrorists win. It is for us to set the example of getting back to work, condemning this act of war and horror, and hunt and return for justice the person or people who did this. If there is a nation involved, we will judge them as part of the effort and attack with the vengeance of the strongest nation on the face of the earth.

Our sacrifices throughout the 20th Century meant that—largely—Americans had no fear of attack on our nation. Pearl Harbor pierced that fearlessness for a moment, and September 11’s Trade Towers-Pentagon attack differs from that Pearl Harbor in that it was carried out by a nation on which we could declare war. We knew who they were and where to find them.

This situation teaches us that the price of freedom today will be borne by the everyday, hard-working American who goes to work in a high-profile place as they stand on the front lines of danger. The front lines of danger today are banks, industry, borders, monuments and government buildings, in addition to our military bases. And it is our duty to stand bravely on those lines and put the possibility of danger in the back of our minds. If we are guided by the danger of where we are, the terrorists have succeeded in striking fear and terror in our hearts, and they can win in our minds what they could never win on a field of battle.

Yesterday, our democracy was damaged, and today it evolves to remain supreme. We lost no freedoms for the moment, but this nation not only has a strong military, we have enormous resolve and the pioneer spirit that settled a continent, explored space and leads the world in the global economy. It is easy to see that there are those who would desist us; but they despise us for the very thing that makes us great: our spirit and our fortitude for freedom.

This is a call for this century and this generation. Nothing has really moved you to think about what this country means to you, how fragile our liberties are? Then let this moment in history move you. Let it move you to a greater understanding of our nation and our constitutionally-protected liberties, let it move you to appreciate those liberties, let it take us to a deeper understanding of who we are as a country. We are many people from many countries in a single nation. We are from every corner of the planet, yet we share the liberties of this nation.

This tragic attack killed men and women, and left one American traitor dead. We will get the criminals and the response upon the criminals should be a world-wide response. We have many different ideas that divide us on policy, but that is the meaning of America, many people, many ideas, but one spirit. Let no enemy mislead us about this. We are as Americans, we will comfort our grieving countrymen. We will find you and we will punish you. We are stronger than you and more powerful than you and we have....
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP), chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

Yesterday, our Nation suffered an unimaginable tragedy. The separate attacks that took place in New York and Washington were deliberate acts of aggression against our country, our people, and our way of life. Together, they constituted the worst act of terrorism directed against the United States in our Nation's history. Yesterday was one of our Nation's darkest days.

Those who planned and perpetrated these outrageous acts of terror deserve our unanimous condemnation. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the families, friends, and loved ones of those who lost their lives for no other reason than the fact that they were Americans. As Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, I wish to express my sadness at the tragic loss of life and civilian personnel at the Department of Defense. This resolution also appropriately commends the efforts of the emergency service workers and other volunteers who have demonstrated through their courageous rescue efforts what it means to be an American.

This is the time for Congress to unite in support of the President and his efforts to take all necessary action against those responsible for this tragedy. If we fail to do so, the terrorists have won. It is time to recognize that the United States can no longer fight terrorism according to the rules of civilized behavior. Terrorists know no rules. Their aim is to commit the mass murder of innocent civilians. Yesterday, they succeeded—right here, on our own shores. We must resolve not to let them succeed again.

The scourge of terrorism is not new, and America is no stranger to terrorist attacks. But yesterday's events demonstrate that threat has taken on a new and more deadly form. It also demonstrates that our Nation's geographic distance from areas of conflict and turmoil no longer provides a guarantee of security. For these reasons, we need to ensure that our military forces remain second-to-none—sufficiently equipped and trained to defend against, and respond to, any act of aggression against our Nation, our people, or our interests.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is an appropriate expression of our sympathy for the victims of yesterday's attacks and our support for the President's actions in response. I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. HORN).

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 11, our Nation was assaulted in the most deliberate, cold-blooded act of mass murder. Many have compared these horrible acts with Pearl Harbor. Certainly our shock, horror and anger are similar, and both acts were planned with military precision. But Pearl Harbor was an open act of war against military targets by a clearly identifiable aggressor. Yesterday's attacks were an assassin's strike against innocent men, women and children, chosen as victims solely because they were Americans. We are deeply angered and properly outraged by these acts as we were on December 7, 1941. But now is the time for calm and deliberate, thoughtful countersteps to protect our Nation and to end this deadly threat. We should take special care not to repeat the mistakes of 1941. Many Americans of Japanese ancestry were interned during the Second World War. Those interned never committed a sabotage of any sort. Finally, the Federal judiciary recognized that. In fact, many Japanese Americans joined the Army and served our Nation with great skill and courage.

Those who served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy and Europe were the most decorated unit in the United States Army. That should teach us to guard against unthinking stereotypes and prejudice. We should not think that those who may look like our enemies are in fact allied or even sympathetic to those who are behind these despicable actions. We should be working with NATO and the Arab world, our Gulf War allies. Those who believe in democracy must stand with us. Those who reject our call to arms against terrorism must not receive support from us. It is a time to act.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK).

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday's cowardly terrorist attacks on the United States leave us with images of horror that will remain etched in our hearts and minds forever: The innocent passengers of the four hijacked flights, all of whom died; the thousands of workers in the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon who simply happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time; the brave firemen, policemen and emergency medical personnel, many of whom were lost as they worked to save those in need in New York and Washington; all of the families whose loved ones are unaccounted for or who remain in harm's way.

Thousands of our fellow citizens have lost their lives and thousands more have suffered injuries, many of which will change their lives and those of their families permanently. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims of these attacks.

Mr. Speaker, these tragic images are unimaginable. Yet we know that they are real events, as we were on September 11. They must be identified and brought to justice. Let the word go out to those responsible for this devastation and to all enemies of freedom: Have no
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Mr. Speaker, Americans have always known that freedom is not free. It often comes with a tremendous cost and it often imposes tremendous responsibilities. Throughout our history, our citizens have always been willing to pay that price. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives and their fortunes so that all of us will continue to receive the blessings of liberty. My generation and my parent's generation faced Pearl Harbor. Yesterday's terrorist attacks are another day of infamy, a day that will be our children's and grandchildren's Pearl Harbor.

Americans have always risen up as a nation and faced every challenge presented to us. Once again, in a moment of crisis, our citizens have gathered in unprecedented numbers to donate blood and offer other forms of support. The heart and spirit of the American people remain indomitable.

America is at war with terrorists, but this war is different and will present different challenges. It will be a war without end, one that will require vigilance. The challenge for all of us will be to assure that America remains the land of the free while we take the steps required to prevent this from ever occurring again. I know that, together, we will do whatever we need to do to face down and defeat the new challenges of terrorism.

As President Lincoln reminded us at Gettysburg, while the world may not long remember what we say here, we will never forget what occurred here. So it is with yesterday's attacks. We will never forget the sacrifices of all of the victims of terror. We will honor their sacrifices by waging and winning the war against terrorism, holding true to our friends and our commitments, and preserving our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, words are inadequate to convey our horror at what occurred. Yet as we intensify our fight against terrorism, deeds are more important than words. We stand united as a country and as a Congress. We will not stand.

As Democrats and Republicans, Methodists or Presbyterians, black or white, Gentiles, Jews or Muslims, before we see ourselves as Americans.

But today we are Americans first. We need to look no further than yesterday for evidence of this. Men and women, young and old, risking their lives, giving their lives, to come to the aid of those in need.

As a Nation, we pray for those whose lives have been forever changed by these acts, and we give thanks for the blessings which remain: family, liberty, friends, and home.

Now we turn to the task ahead: finding the cowards who did this and making them pay. Then we shall repair our injured cities and restore our sense of security.

The enemy has attacked our way of life. They want to make us less trusting, less safe, less free. Less American. They underestimate the resolve of the American people.

So let us remain uniquely, proudly and defiantly American.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT).

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I will leave it to others to ask why. Today I rise with my colleagues with firm resolve to send a message to our enemies that engage in terrorism that we are at war. America and her people will stand together today, as we have in the past, and defeat our enemies.

Here in the great hall of democracy, in the well of the House of Representatives, I personally call for a declaration of war so that we may unleash the full might of our country's resources upon our enemies.

We must give our institutions, the FBI, the CIA, the armed services, the full legal authority to act and protect the life and property of the United States of America. We must authorize reprisals against our enemies and those who harbor them.

In closing, I say God bless America and God bless our President during these times.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACCI).

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution, for the tens of thousands of people who have mobilized to search for the victims and the tens of thousands who have been affected by this tragedy. Let those who are responsible know clearly: this was an act of war, and we will respond as such.

As a nation, we must begin the process of rebuilding. The rescue and clean-up efforts will continue for some time. New security precautions must be taken at our airports and other locations. Lives and buildings must be rebuilt.

We must also begin to heal our national sense of safety which has been badly shaken. We will not allow terrorists to send us cow-tering, but we recognize that we will never again feel the same as we did before this un-speakable horror.

My staff and I are back at work, and stand ready to assist any Mainer who is in need of help. We will be giving blood and doing all we can to contribute in a meaningful way to the rescue and rebuilding that are underway. As a Member of Congress, I will be working to provide the resources necessary to rebuild our nation, to enhance our counter-terrorism efforts, and to ensure the safety of the American people.

Although the scourge of terrorism is not new, the scope and destructiveness of the attacks yesterday were unprecedented in American History. We have been forced to acknowledge that the possibility of massive attacks on US soil is painfully real.

Yesterday America was gravely wounded, but we will heal and grow stronger. Americans will rise to the occasion and fight this scourge just as we have risen to defeat past threats to civilization and democracy. Yesterday's actions were not mere acts of terrorism and not mere crimes. Rather they were savage acts of war on the American Nation which must be met with a proportional military response.

Again, my thoughts and prayers are with all who have been affected by this tragedy. Let those who are responsible know clearly: this will not stand.

May God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL).

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday...
Today is a day of mourning, a day of outrage. But it is also a day when we all come together. In this hallowed Congress, which we thought might be under attack just yesterday, we stand proudly today.

Our nation has seen bloodshed, but we are not bowed. We have seen disaster, but not defeat. Our American democracy, built by Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Lincoln will not be weakened by cowardly terrorists.

Today the world sees the true greatness of America in the people giving blood, in the emergency workers clearing the rubble and saving lives, in the clergy fostering faith. And at the right time, at the right place, these terrorists will see the true strength of America as well.

Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have quoted a great President, Frank Delano Roosevelt, who stood in this place summoning our nation into a great crusade. I would like to share other words that he used in that same speech on that same day of infamy. He said, “With confidence in our Armed Forces, with unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). The Chair wishes to inform the Members that the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 18 minutes remaining and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) has 3 minutes remaining.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.J. RES. 61

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.J. Res. 61, to include corrections in grammar, punctuation, and capitalization, and to make other such technical and formatting changes as may be necessary to comply with the order of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey? There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO), the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise with so many of my colleagues today in strong support of this House Resolution to condemn the terrorist attacks on America. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to the thousands of Americans who lost friends and family during yesterday’s terrorist attacks.

We grieve today for our nation’s loss, but we will turn that loss into this nation’s resolve to remain a beacon of justice and freedom in a world where these values are under constant threat.

These attacks claimed victims from all across the Nation and killed many from my State of New Jersey. One victim was Victor Saracini, a United Airline flight attendant, who stood in this place yesterday, and today his hijacked plane hit the World Trade Center. Victor is remembered by his family and friends from South Jersey as a brave man who would have never submitted to the will of the hijackers, and I am sure he did everything possible to protect the passengers and the plane and to thwart the hijackers. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family, to his wife and to their two young daughters.

There are, sadly, too many other names of victims that will come out in the days to come and will touch people in every corner of the Nation. I know that Congress is ready today to mourn their loss and to send our condolences to their families.

Even under these horrible circumstances, heroes arose. I want to commend the emergency personnel from New York City and Washington D.C. who immediately mobilized to lend aid and assistance to the people of New York City and to those working in the Pentagon. I would also like to praise the local residents of southern New Jersey who, after hearing of the attacks, left their homes and workplaces and joined the emergency service personnel who traveled north to assist those in New York who needed the help.

Finally, I would like to recognize the stalwart efforts of the Coast Guard personnel who have deployed up and down the East Coast to provide security for our bridges, tunnels, and ports and to render assistance to those in New York who, after hearing of the attacks, left their homes and workplaces and joined the emergency service personnel who traveled north to assist those in New York who needed the help.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.J. Res. 61, pursuant to the order of the House of earlier today, debate on the joint resolution be extended 2 hours, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey? There was no objection.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 4 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY), 2 minutes for her, 2 minutes for her husband as heroppel to try to read the statement of our colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER).

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today full of anger and outrage, heartbreak and hope.

We are not Democrats or Republicans. We are Americans, united in our resolve and determination. Yesterday’s terrorism was not just directed against national landmarks and individual Americans. These terrorist attacks were directed at the very idea of America.

Our response to this attack tests the strength of our international alliances, the integrity of our friendships, and the endurance of all nations in the struggle to build a world in which peace and freedom are the highest ideals.

We have a tremendous opportunity and an awesome responsibility to redouble our efforts to purge the evil of terrorism from our global community. Our allies are mourning with us and offering their prayers. But we must have their unqualified support and cooperation in this battle.

Let me make the ground rules absolutely clear: no country that harbors terrorists or sponsors terrorism will benefit from our defense, our commerce, and our aid. No one who teaches children hatred instead of games will find comfort from us. No more glorifying violence. No more praise for martyrdom. Those who rejoice in our tragedy must be exiled from the community of nations. And we must demand the help of our friends in the world community in this crucial effort.

My colleagues, like so many yesterday, I watched the TV in horror. My children called to share their shock and to tell of a friend whose husband, trapped on a high floor in one of the Towers, called only to say goodbye to the wife he knew he would never see again. All around him, his colleagues were on the phone to their loved ones for the last time.

We hear these stories over and over again. To all those who have lost so much, we want you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you, that all of America stands with you.

For the man who called to tell his wife just one last time that he loved her, for the hundreds of brave officers, firefighters, and rescue workers who sacrificed their lives so that others might live, for all, we will find those responsible; and we will bring them to justice. There will be no safe harbor for those who would visit such enormous destruction on our citizens.

Our Mayor, our Governor and our neighbors faced catastrophe with calm and humanity. We are very proud of them. Americans should stand with our President. We will face this tragedy together. We will comfort and support each other, and we will prevail.

Friends, our people and our landmarks have been attacked, but the essence of America is indestructible. Our
core principles, justice, liberty, and democracy, will remain forever unscathed. Let us say a prayer for our country and our people.

Mr. Speaker, my good colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Nadler), is in New York. It is in his district where this catastrophe occurred. He asked me to read his statement.

"Yesterday, terrorists attempted to spread fear throughout this great land as they murdered innocent men, women and children. Those cowards, in effect, declared war on the United States; and we will fight back. America is the light of freedom and opportunity around the world. Those cowards attempted to extinguish that light from the world, but we will never allow it to be dampened.

The American people will now demonstrate their resilience. America will show the world that in the face of tragedy it becomes stronger, and the American people become more united. As the sun rose this morning, the light of America shone upon the world. Americans from all walks of life have come together in pursuit of the common mission supporting all necessary action to end the scourge of terrorism.

Americans continue to search for answers to all civilized democracies. Our prayers go out to the victims, their families and the valiant rescue efforts.

The American people, Mr. Speaker, are a peaceful people. Americans do not seek to conquer other peoples or commit violence against others; but because of America's love of democracy and prosperity and freedom, America and Americans are hated and envied by resentful forces of evil in the world.

The battle before us will be long and difficult, but the United States has a strong will and will do so again. Americans, united together, will send the cowardly terrorists shrieking in fear when they realize the resolve of the American people and the brilliance with which America's light of liberty shines.

God bless this great Nation, a beacon of freedom.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Stenholm).

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution condemning the terrorist attacks against the United States.

Yesterday, we in the House of Representatives feel the need to speak of the unspoken: yesterday's evil, perpetrated by cowardly forces who cannot muster the courage even to reveal their faces. Evil is difficult to speak about and yet, as yesterday's events remind us, its horror calls forth responses which reveal even greater good, greater strength, greater wisdom than we knew possible.

It has been said repeatedly in the past 24 hours that America has been changed forever. There is much truth in that statement. Just as the attack on Pearl Harbor altered the psyche of the American people nearly 60 years ago, we cannot deny the loss of innocence and carefree confidence created by yesterday's heinous deeds. Tragically, the tremendous loss of American lives and American property may even be exceeded when the final toll is tallied in New York City, Washington, and Pennsylvania. How can we possibly comfort all those who grieve those deaths or thank those who died trying to make our Nation safer and stronger?

But those dear losses are not the only changes which have been wrought in our Nation. Contrary to the terrorists' intentions, their acts have also borne a new unity among the American people, a renewed sense of solidarity and commitment to each other. Folks in Michigan waited hours in lines to donate vital blood for victims in New York City. School children in Texas dressed in red, white and blue to support the uniformed troops and civilians killed at the Pentagon.

And around the world, there is also a change—a new understanding of the threat which faces all civilized democracies. In expressions of support which could not have been imagined a few years ago, former enemies as well as long-time allies across the
world have expressed their sympathy and their willingness to stand with the United States in fighting the perpetrators of this horror.

Let us not forget, though, that while some things have much remained the same, our enemies stole American lives thinking that they could steal our American Spirit. They were wrong. Our hearts are indeed broken today but our spirits are not only intact, they are strengthened. Bricks and mortar may have been leveled but the American Spirit stands. The attempt to cut us down has only deepened our devotion to democracy, freedom and justice.

The beloved Twenty-Third Psalm asserts, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.” These sacred words do not deny the existence of evil or pretend that we can be spared from facing it. But they remind us that we need not fear that evil. Why? Because God is with us, preparing the safe and proper way if we will follow.

Our enemies and those who harbor our enemies should understand what they have done. The tragedy which they have caused already is being transformed into unity and that unity will become strength. Perhaps the giant was sleeping. We became too accustomed to choosing convenience over security. We have tilted towards privacy over prudence. We became over-confident in our impenetrable shield. But make no mistake; the giant is now awake. Americans may need to make the sacrifices which a state of war requires but we are committed to making those sacrifices. This is war. It is not a war for territory or possessions but it is a war for democracy and freedom. It is a war for security and peace. It is a war which the united and civilized nations of the world will relentlessly pursue and win. September 11 will live in infamy but it will not die in impotence. Evil may be unspeakable but it will not be victorious.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL), my friend and colleague.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution of the condemnation of this heinous attack on our country.

Mr. Speaker, Southern West Virginians know loss. We hope and pray for the victims of these attacks and their families as other Americans have hoped and prayed for us in the past. Our nation’s motto is E. Pluribus Unum: Out of many, one. Americans always display this unity best when disaster strikes our fellow citizens.

Yesterday’s attacks did not kill only Washingtonians and New Yorkers. The victims came from across this country. At least one family in my own District was torn apart. Dr. Paul Ambrose, a talented and public-spirited young physician, was aboard one of the airplanes that the terrorists crashed. The sympathies of all America are with Ken Sharon Ambrose of Huntington, West Virginia, today.

We will avenge their loss.

America seeks peace, but it is not blind. The people who planned these attacks are out there, and we know that they still pursue their evilness. Their celebrations will be short, because America’s resolve is sure. I support the President’s vow to punish these murderers and those who give them shelter.

As the sun rises and the aftermath of the most vicious terrorist attack ever perpetrated on Americans and America, I ask the good Lord to give us the courage, wisdom and conviction to bring those responsible to justice.

Certainly, the horror of this attack has been the most vicious terrorist attack on all Americans. It is time to mourn the dead. To care for the injured. But it is also time to plan for our future, and to take actions to insure that the lessons of this attack will not be lost. That those who perished will not have done so in vain.

America will persevere. We are not weakened by this attack, but rather, will grow stronger. Out of these flames of death, an even stronger American spirit will be born. And the beacon of freedom, of our Democratic institutions, will burn even brighter upon the world.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation was attacked by cowards. I, like all of my colleagues, am equally outraged by this attack on the people of the United States.

Today, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. As the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT), the Speaker of the House, said yesterday, we as a Congress and a government stand united.

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that this was an act of war. We must find those responsible and bring them to justice. We must do so swiftly, with the full might and power of the United States. We will find those responsible for these mass murders, and they will be punished.

We, likewise, must develop the response that will destroy the very system responsible for this attack on our freedom. The global terrorist organizations that take refuge in some nations across the world must be destroyed, and any nation who protects any terrorist network or who provides shelter or refuge to these terrorist networks are on notice that they will also be subjected to the justice and the might and power of the United States military if they continue to protect those responsible for these mass murders.

This attack was intended to bring down the most powerful Nation in the world, to paralyze our government and our people. The evil that has not happened and they have failed. Last night, our President spoke from the Oval Office of the White House, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld never actually left the Pentagon while he was aboard one of the rescue crews and consulting with the national security team. Last night, the world saw and heard representatives of the people of this Nation speaking with one voice. Today, we are all here on the floor of the House ready to continue our work. We will not allow cowards to shut us down.

No one will ever forget the images that we have all seen in the last 2 days. We must never forget those who lost their lives. My thoughts and prayers are with those rescuers working around the clock to save those trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The events of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, have changed the face of America forever. I have no doubt that we will respond to this crisis in a very American way . . . we will unite, we will defend our freedoms, we will persevere.

In closing let me commend all those first responders that worked so hard and have sacrificed so much, the police, the fire fighters, EMS and medical personnel and our own dedicated, committed and very professional Capitol Police.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS), a member of the Committee on Rules and a deputy whip.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, no words can adequately express this Nation’s sense of loss and outrage over yesterday’s vicious, cowardly attack on two of our country’s most recognizable landmarks, one of which is in my home State of New York.

This was an attack not only on America, but as British Prime Minister Tony Blair remarked, on the free and democratic world.

The death toll of innocent Americans will certainly surpass that of Pearl Harbor, and as quickly and as assuredly as America came together to defeat fascism and Imperialism at that time, we must quickly and decisively come together to defeat this enemy of a free and democratic world.

Many have said that after yesterday, the face of America will be changed forever. That may be true, but what will not change is America’s heart, America’s character, and America’s continued belief in the principles, ideals and values that have made this country the freest, most prosperous Nation the world has ever seen.

Like many in this Chamber and across America, I await the names of the dead, the missing, and the injured of friends, in both public service and the private sector, who worked in New York’s World Trade Center; and I pray for them and their families, all of the victims and families in New York, the Pentagon, the hijacked aircraft, and for those who have put themselves in harm’s way, our police and our firefighters, medical and emergency crews, and countless volunteers, that they will carry out their mission safely and successfully.

It is true that we have suffered tremendous loss of life and property at
the hands of faceless cowards, but make no mistake. This is not a faceless enemy. The people of this country are united. The full resources of this government, and the courage, spirit and resolve of the American people will be brought to bear to find you in whatever corner of the world that you may hide. You have no safe harbor. We will see that justice is served.

God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS).

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and my prayers go out to the families.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Resolution 61, the Joint House-Senate resolution expressing the sense of the Senate and the House of Representatives regarding the attack on our Nation. In addition, I would like to offer my thoughts and prayers to the people and families who have lost or are missing loved ones and to all Americans as we mourn this catastrophic attack on the American way of life.

Mr. Speaker, our hearts are heavy. Our minds numbed by the terror and senseless tragedy of the attacks that we witnessed in person or in our living rooms in my city and our capital over 36 hours ago.

The death toll has not been tallied. We will likely not know how many innocent lives were taken from us for some time. We have seen the iron clad character of my fellow New Yorkers and all emergency services workers who responded to these heinous acts of terror—giving up their own lives in the hopes of saving innocent civilians. In particular, I honor all of the police, fireman and emergency service technicians who continue to work to save lives. We must continue to stand together against this or any other attack on our freedom with untold heroism.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER), my distinguished colleague and good friend.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation was a target of the most despicable and cowardly acts of terrorism in our history. We come here today, our hearts heavy, with prayers for healing and comfort for the many victims and their families.

The forces of darkness have broken our hearts, but they have not broken our spirit. To the contrary, those who sought to advance their cause by shedding American blood have instead sown the seeds of their own destruction.

The citizens of our Nation are a proud and resilient people. For over 200 years, Americans have fought and died to protect freedom and liberty. We now face a new challenge from a faceless enemy who has absolutely no regard for the sanctity of human life.

We will not tolerate terrorism. We will find those who are responsible, and we must use the full strength of our military power against those forces of evil and those who give them aid and sanction.

The spirit of America was best exemplified today by a brave New York firefighter and other first responders who risked their lives in the rubble of the World Trade Center for one more survivor. He uncovered a tattered American flag, and he climbed to the top of the remains of a leaning north spire, raising the flag to express the spirit of our resolve shared by all Americans in this time of national travail.

A new chapter in our history was opened yesterday. Its opening pages will forever be emblazoned in our memory, but the strength and character of our people will fill its pages with the same resolve we have shown in the defense of freedom throughout our history. Today we urge all freedom-loving people to join us in our shared commitment to peace and security around the world. May God’s grace be with all of those who suffer today, and may God forever bless our great Nation.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH), the chairman of the Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding me this time.

I rise today in solidarity with the American people and my constituents in central New York to condemn this brutal act of mass murder committed against innocent and good American people.

I will never be capable of understanding how anyone could hate so much that they could point a plane full of innocent travelers at a building full of innocent workers for any reason, political, philosophical, religious, or national.

Our Nation was injured yesterday, but I believe we will come out of this stronger. It forces us all to dig deep to recall who we are and what we stand for, to look back at the values America was founded upon, and to draw renewed their strength. They shall mount an impenetrable wall, and a pitiful way, of the cost of freedom. We were subjected to attack by faceless cowards who believe that our liberty is in some way dangerous. They could not be more wrong.

But as we have seen in the past, adversity sometimes brings out the very best in Americans. Ordinary people turn into heroes. Some we will hear about, others we will never know about, but the truth is that there were more acts of heroism yesterday than we will ever know about.

We are amazed by the long lines that have formed all over the country of people donating their blood. We are uplifted by the heroism of firefighters, police, military personnel, and emergency workers who plunged into the carnage and saved many victims. We are inspired by the selfless way that strangers reached out and are reaching out still to open their arms and hearts to fellow citizens.

We are awed by the bravery of the hundreds of rescue workers, the firefighters, and the policemen who tragically died in New York. We can wonder at the courage of the pilot of the flight that crashed in Pennsylvania.

We are struck by the images on our minds. We will never forget the scenes of planes striking buildings, huge structures tumbling, our fellow Americans lying dead in New York and Pennsylvania.

These are the images I will not forget, but they are not the ones I seek to remember. Instead, Mr. Speaker, today I dwell not on the images of yesterday’s villains, but on its heroes; not on the acts of inhumanity, but on incredible humanity. Because through yesterday’s darkness and horror came the bright light of American courage, the compelling beacon of goodness and strength.

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prevented a repeat of the tragedies at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center? Was this plane intended to destroy this magnificent Capitol of democracy that we are sitting in today? Do we who labor here owe countless passengers or crew our very lives?

We will always be grateful for the efforts of these men and women who lost their lives in the line of duty who will not be going home to their families, and who paid the ultimate price just to help others. We pray for their families and we pray for their loved ones.

As a Nation, we will mourn the loss of our neighbors, family members, and friends, and as a Nation, we will avenge their deaths. We will not let this despicable act go unchallenged. Those responsible will pay an awesome price.

In many ways, our Nation will forever be changed by these disasters, but they only in our opinion diminish the spirit of the freest people who have never walked the face of this Earth, the American people.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS).

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

I rise in strong support of the resolution. My heart goes out to everyone who experienced a loss, and to those still waiting for news about their loved ones. To the families of the 278 heroes, the firefighters and police who are missing and presumed dead, I offer my deepest condolences.

I also offer my support and praise to the rescue workers and countless volunteers who are searching, as we speak, for survivors and victims. Like many of my colleagues and many Americans, my first reaction was to assess this tragedy to my family, especially my son, daughter-in-law, and my grandson Henry, who live in New York City.

Though my news was reassuring, hundreds, even thousands of people did not enjoy that same fortune. Yesterday’s tragic events tore at the heart of America’s fabric, and I believe that every American’s life was affected. It is from that fabric of community that we derive our real strength, not just in no way vicariously or from our military might.

Mr. Speaker, we are strong and will remain strong. The attacks serve as a stark reminder of the dangers faced by a free country, and especially by those whose job it is to protect our country, whether at home or abroad. We must never forget the threats that exist.

And anger and rage and evil roam the Earth, and at times these forces converge. Ten million Americans started their morning routine. Americans went to their places of work. They boarded airplanes, just like every other day. Then these routines were violently interrupted.

Yesterday showcased the worst and best of humanity. The precision strikes indicate a force that cleverly calculated this move against the very heart of our community. Yet, Americans are able to rise above the grief and horror.

To my colleagues and to all Americans, I say that now is not a time to abandon our priorities. As we work together to heal, we must continue to look forward and work to ensure a world safe for our children and grandchildren. We need to let our grief and our anger and our outrage work for us, not control us. Let us act with the careful and considered judgment that we as Americans possess.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today joining my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans alike, in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, the American people need to know just how dangerous today’s world is. Many have presumed that with the passing of the Soviet Union and the East-West confrontation that peace was at hand. That without these formidable enemies, America no longer had to worry about attacks.

Tuesday’s tragedy sends a message—loud and clear—that there are those who have no concern for innocent human life. They will kill with malice, with no other goal except to prove they can strike at the world’s most powerful symbols of freedom. This was not a political statement or a military attack. It was murder, an act that is abhorred by all nations and faiths. We must do whatever is needed to protect our homeland from such unconscionable criminals.

But this nation is in shock and mourning. Americans are too big-hearted to understand why a group of inhuman thugs would bring these attacks on thousands of innocent victims. We will spend this day rallying to support the families of those who perished and the brave rescuers who are desperately trying to find any who might have survived. We will show our resolve that America will rise to this challenge and overcome it to remain the beacon of liberty and optimism.

In the days to come, we will dedicate ourselves to finding and bringing to justice and ensure it can never happen again. To those who shared the cowardice of the hijackers: We will not rest until justice is served. We send a message that these criminals in the past or consider sheltering them in the future: We will hold you accountable and make it clear that it is a terrible mistake to support attacks on America.

For the future, all Americans must realize that peace is not guaranteed for a brief moment of silence for the victims, their families, those still risking their lives to attempt to rescue survivors.
Our first responsibility is to the police, fire, and EMTs still risking their lives for rescue and recovery efforts. I have been assured by the administration that every possible and available resource has been sent to their support.

I further understand that all the resources of our combined law enforcement and intelligence agencies, along with those of our allies around the world, have been brought to bear to track down these terrorist mass murderers to their roots. I am confident that the United States of America will be obdurate in exacting justice from those responsible. We each need to do what we can in our own way and for our own part.

For my part, I am determined that the improvements in aviation security, which I have advocated for more than a decade, will never be tuned away by cost concerns of the airlines. We can afford, and Americans are willing to pay, not only for an improved system of aviation security, but also to assure that our law enforcement, our intelligence agencies, and our military have the resources necessary to respond to this act and credibly deter future acts of mass terrorism against our people.

We will be secure within our borders in the United States of America, and we will not cower within our borders, either.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP), a member of the Committee on Appropriations and a member of the Helsinki Commission.

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, we know that fear is one of the most powerful forces in the world today. Yesterday, the lowest of the low, the dregs of our international community, used fear to carry out horrific acts on all of humanity. Today, we claim the truth that one force is greater than fear. That is love.

Throughout the ages, love has conquered fear over and over again. Our love for our fellow man will overcome fear of these outrageous criminals. Our love of freedom will overcome our fear of tyranny. Our love of country will overcome our fear of terrorism. Our love of God will overcome our fear of Satan having our love of good will overcome our fear of evil. Our love of peace will overcome our fear of war.

Mr. Speaker, today we stand together, our President, the United States Congress, and 270 million people, mourning those lost, comforting those left behind, praying for our Nation at this dark hour.

Yesterday, our House Chaplain, Father Daniel Coughlin, prayed that "In God we trust," our Nation's motto, but that today, may it be our strength. Much of our character has been born from adversity. An even stronger America must rise from the ashes of these fiery crashes so that good does once again triumph over evil.

May the peace of God that passeth all understanding be with us now and forever, why they were doing it, and how to do it.

At Pearl Harbor, over 2,000 Americans were killed in the attack. Many more than that died on Tuesday. Innocent victims perished for no other reason that they were Americans. We did not ask for this war. America has worked tirelessly for world peace since its founding; peace in Middle East, in Europe, in Africa, in Asia, and in Latin America. But America stands for more than just peace. America stands for freedom and democracy.

We have proved to the world that freedom and democracy work. But many haters of freedom remain in the world. Those who continue to use ideologies like radical Islam and Stalinism despise freedom because they do not like to be challenged. They cannot stand the light of day, and so they kill. And we are their target because America is the preeminent champion of freedom. They believe because we are free we are also weak. But they are wrong. We will find out who the terrorists are. We must seek them out and punish them severely. This is a time, without apology, to bring the full measure of military force to bear on these terrorist organizations.

As thousands of bodies are pulled from the rubble in New York and Virginia, we are watching more than a tragedy; we are witnesses to a turning point in American policy. No longer will we coddle terrorists and seek merely to bring them into courtrooms. Instead, we will treat them as the military enemies they are. We will seek justice of the kind seen in war.

On Tuesday, terrorists declared war on America. It is a war they will lose. America will make sure of it. Freedom will prevail.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ROTHMAN).

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today all Americans must pray with one voice; pray for those innocents killed in yesterday’s cowardly attacks, for those families torn asunder by this evil, for those rescuers, police, fire, and health workers putting their lives at risk.

Let us all raise our voices today in one American prayer, then we will bury our dead and we will care for our injured and all those affected by this tragedy. We will pick up the pieces as one great nation, and together we will have our justice with a sure and mighty sword.

To the terrorists who conspired in this horrific crime and to those who harbor those terrorists, know this: you are America’s mortal enemies. America is the strongest country in the
world. We have the will, the resources, and the power; and we will defeat you. We will hunt you down like the evil murderers that you are.

In doing so, we will be demanding the assistance of every government in the world. Those who help us, they will be our friends. Those who do not help us, we will consider our enemies.

With one voice, America says to the cowardly terrorists and their supporters, we Americans are still here. You have not stopped America. You have not stopped freedom. You have not stopped what a great people have spent 225 years building, the light of hope and humanity and liberty for all the people of the world, the United States of America. Those who came before us had to fight and die for their Nation and her freedoms; from Lexington and Concord to Gettysburg, from the Alamo to Omaha Beach, from the World Trade Center to the Pentagon.

Now, today, it is up to us, this generation of the greatest nation on Earth, to be ready to answer the call for freedom. We are ready to answer that call.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), the distinguished chairman of the full Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I want to compliment him and the ranking member and the chairman of the committee for having introduced this resolution. It is important that the Congress, the House, the Senate, the President of the United States speak in one solid voice that we will not now or ever tolerate the type of terrorist activities that we saw brought upon our shores yesterday.

Today, I have had numerous visits with those dealing with this tragedy. One of the visits I made today was to the Pentagon. I visited there last night. The Pentagon was still burning, and there are still some electrical fires today in the Pentagon. But standing there in the rubble and recognizing what happened there, recognizing how many bodies were still entombed somewhere in that building, I might tell my colleagues that it causes a great emotional effect on this Member, and I think anyone there.

I would like to say that the firefighters, the rescue people who are out there, the Red Cross, just everybody involved have done a magnificent job in trying to deal with this terrible, terrible tragedy.

It is going to be fairly expensive to rebuild that section of the Pentagon that is going to have to be rebuilt, and Congress has to realize that. As I listened to our distinguished Member after Member standing here in the well condemning terrorism and standing strong for our country, because our country was attacked, this Congress to a man and to a woman, Republican and Democrat, have made a declaration that we are not going to allow that we allow them to demand some immediate reaction from us.

The President has asked for some funding to deal with the immediate issues, the immediate damages that have been done here at our Pentagon and in New York, where the terrible tragedy was unbelievable. And I would announce to the Members that, after having worked with the President's budget office today, the President's office, and with the appropriation leaders of the House and the Senate in both parties, tomorrow I will introduce a supplemental appropriations bill that would give the President authority to move strongly, quickly, and swiftly. To not only begin to rebuild and recover from the damages that have been done to our people, our friends and our neighbors, but also to give him additional funding for airport security, which obviously was violated by these hijackers being able to take over four of our major airline aircraft. He would have additional funds for counterterrorism activities, and he would have the money to add additional assets to hunt down, to search out, to find, to discover and to punish those who were responsible for this disaster.

It is my intention, Mr. Speaker, that tomorrow morning we will introduce this bill, and I believe that we will be able to actually consider it on the floor tomorrow before we adjourn for the day. I would hope that, and as I listen to the Members who are speaking out so strongly today, that we will again speak out strongly as we pass this resolution to guarantee the world that we as the Congress, the President, all of our people, are together in this deadly fight, that we are not going to take this sitting down, and we are going to protect our country and our people from terrorists acts.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT), the ranking member of our Committee on the Budget.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, was a dark day in the history of our country. Today, we are bloodied but not bowed. We are a country united. Here in Congress we are Democrats and Republicans, we are Americans, and we have closed ranks behind our President.

We come here in this hallowed hall of democracy to express the grief and profoundly mourn our country's loss of those who died in yesterday's heinous attacks and their families, and we come together resolved to see that their loss will be avenged and never repeated.

These attacks were not just vicious crimes committed against innocent people. As many have already said, they were acts of war against the United States of America, and we must respond accordingly. We should spare no effort in tracking down these culprits and their cohorts, wherever they may have gone. We cannot give America the blink of an eye or the flicker of a winking eye. We must find you. We will defeat you.

They have the advantage of stealth, operates with cunning and sophistication. We must also recognize that this evil operates faceless, and operates without borders. They have the advantage of stealth, and we must recognize that this enemy will continue their efforts until they understand that America will never, ever cease to be a beacon of hope and freedom to the world.

To those responsible for these acts of evil committed yesterday, look closely at the American faces you see on the screen. Look at the firefighters and police who risked and gave their lives yesterday. Look at the faces of the medical personnel who work through the danger and exhaustion to save lives. Look at the faces of the many Americans who are waiting in line for hours to give blood for their time and energies to defeating you. And look at the faces here in this House, united in our resolve. We are defenders of a Nation built on principles that can never be destroyed and never be extinguished. We will find you. We will defeat you. And at that point, you will know
America's dedication to ensuring that freedom and democracy will ultimately prevail over evil and terror.

God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BOYD).

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J.Res. 61.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, our great Nation suffered the greatest tragedy of a single day since the Civil War. I join all other Americans who are shocked and outraged by the terrorist hijackings and attacks on the World Trade Center and on the Pentagon.

With this attack, the United States has entered a new era. We have been thrust into a new type of conflict and face an implacable enemy who will not hesitate to destroy innocent life.

CIA Director George Tenet has said in testimony before Congress that terrorist attacks are impossible to carry out. We must be certain where or when terrorists might strike again. But this incomprehensible tragedy is a terrible reminder that we must take the threat of terrorism seriously.

Let there be no mistake—the U.S. Government will investigate, pursue, and seek convictions of the criminals who were behind this cowardly attack. These terrorist attacks were truly acts of war, and we will respond forcefully and appropriately. The United States will take action against the terrorists and punish the governments that support and harbor such criminals.

We must pull together as a country to grieve for all those we have lost, to care for all those who were injured and support all those families who have been affected by this tragedy. We must pull together as one people to protect our nation and our way of life.

America must lead the civilized world in a relentless campaign to root out and defeat terrorists and terrorist states. As we mourn the tragic loss of life, the United States must remain resolute. Our friends and our enemies alike must understand that we will not be deterred from the defense of our interests nor shrink from our responsibilities.

This tragedy calls for the certain and severe punishment of those responsible and requires a commitment by Americans to address our vulnerabilities. We must understand that the struggle now upon us may be long and difficult. Yet, America has always prevailed against her enemies and will do so again.

Those of us who have the honor of serving our Nation in these hallowed halls of Congress have a duty to our constituents to work with our counterparts in the Senate to ensure that our Nation's aspirations and ideals are protected and preserved. We must reach across the aisle to work together in service of our Nation and the world at large.

Congress must pass strong legislation to address the immediate need for greater security. Our sense of national security has been changed forever. The time for half measures is over.

I urge my colleagues strong support of this important resolution.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS).

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, Stewart Meltzer, the nephew of Harvey Meltzer, died at the World Trade Center yesterday. When Harvey called me, as is the case with so many of us here with our constituents, I was stunned and had little that I could say to him. America changed yesterday, and it is changed for all time to come.

My overwhelming sense of horror, grief and, yes, vulnerability cannot adequately be put into words. Obviously, my thoughts and fervent prayers are with the friends and families that have been touched most personally by these cowardly, cunning attacks.

Like many Members, I have constituents, as I have said, who lost loved ones yesterday. My heart aches for them.

My heart aches not only for them but for all America today. We were all victims yesterday. But we stand here today to say to the citizens of our Nation and the world at large, America is taller than the World Trade Center, bigger than the Pentagon, and mightier than any destructive device. America is an ideal that will never be extinguished by despicable acts of terror. Indeed, the resolve of every American to recommit ourselves to our ideals will be strengthened forever. This is the spirit of America, today, tomorrow and in perpetuity.

Today, we say to the rest of the world, though the color of our skin and the religions that we preach may differ, Americans throughout this great country stand united as one against anything that seeks to destroy the liberty and freedom we enjoy. When American liberty and freedom is threatened, we do not recoil but we rise up. Make no mistake, the United States will not stand for these types of attacks on our soil or in other lands. This is our history, and it is our destiny.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said before but bears repeating today, freedom is not free. Yes, the cost of our freedom can be steep. In the land of the free and the home of the brave, the pulse of America can be felt everywhere we go. It can be felt in the streets of New York where thousands of firefighters, police officers, doctors, paramedics, and volunteers are working to save the lives of those who have survived and recover the bodies of those who have not. This can be felt right here in Washington where the government of this great land continues to work in this darkest of hours. It can be felt in the towns and cities throughout the country where Americans refuse to let their lives in the wake of yesterday's terror.

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned earlier, mere words are not enough to convey my feelings or the feelings of my colleagues today. However, like Abraham Lincoln said at Gettysburg, "The United States will guarantee today that those who died yesterday will not have died in vain."

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER), a distinguished Persian Gulf War veteran and chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, the dynamic of our Nation has been reshaped by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. This tragedy not only destroyed the lives of thousands of innocent American civilians but also violated each and every American's sense of safety and security.

We must continue to support and subnational terrorism activities constitute an asymmetrical threat upon our Nation's security. These terrorists groups are not subject to the traditional calculus of deterrence.

We are now at war with terrorism. We must strike these vipers before they strike again. We must also make a renewed commitment similar to our investments and policies which worked to defeat communism. We must work to strengthen our national security system by modernizing and sustaining the U.S. intelligence community so its capabilities and performance will be able to cope with the demands and challenges of international and domestic counter-terrorism.

In our emptiness and in our grief and fear, we must turn to our faith in God and the faith of this great Nation. We
will show the world that our ideals will not be compromised by those who believe they can scare us into submission. I truly believe that goodness will prevail and that America will emerge.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Transportation.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, all of us in this body together with our constituents are attempting to comprehend and give voice to yesterday’s cowardly, merciless, and vicious act of terrorism against America and against humanity.

Both anger and prayer welled up in all of us, as the Duluth News Tribune headline put so succinctly. Pastor Randy Williamson opened the doors of First Assembly of God Church in Hibbing to a steady stream of his congregation. Most of them, he said, feel it is a wake-up call for our country. It reminds us that life is fragile and that we are not invincible. I think they are praying that God would have mercy on us as a country and that our leaders have wisdom and courage and that they would think through the situation and not just act on impulse.

Mr. Speaker, beyond the anger and the prayer lie some deeper thoughts about aviation security. On December 21, 1988, the world of aviation security was changed forever as a terrorist bomb tore apart Pan-Am Flight 103 killing all 259 passengers and crew and 11 residents of the small town of Lockerbie, Scotland.

That terrorist act propelled the families of those victims on a tireless mission, to prevent such future tragedies culminating in the creation of the President’s Commission on Aviation Security and Terrorism, which I authored and on which I served.

History, astonishingly, repeated itself with yesterday’s tragic events. Once again, aviation security was changed forever. We are again challenged to reevaluate the state of security for domestic and international commercial air service.

As we set about the task, I urge caution in making snap decisions on drastic changes to the aviation security laws before we have had the opportunity to fully assess what went wrong both in the aviation and intelligence communities.

Mr. Speaker, the following is information on aviation security:

Over the last ten years, we have made great strides in aviation security. However, we have also invested heavily in security equipment and includes provisions to strengthen access control requirements.

The FAA must take a holistic view toward its security responsibilities to ensure that all areas of vulnerability are addressed. However, the airlines and airports must not be compromised by those who believe they can scare us into submission. I truly believe that goodness will prevail and that America will emerge.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT).

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Joint Resolution 8. Like many Americans, the very first thing I did as the tragedy unfolded was to call my family to ensure that everyone was safe, and to assure them that I was safe.

My heart and my prayers go out to all those families who did not get that reassuring phone call they hoped for. Today will be the hardest day for them as shock melts to grief, and grief makes way for the anger that is sure to come.

Today is the hardest day for us as a Nation. As we stated in this resolution, this day stands as a national day of unity and mourning. It is not a day for anger; it is a day of resolve: cold, calculated, patient and unemotional and universal resolve.

In passing this resolution today, what we as a body say to Americans, to the world community, and to those who perpetrated or aided these crimes is simply, never again and never again. Never will we forget the terror and tragedy of this day. Just as our children and grandchildren ask, Where
Mr. Speaker, I recall the ingredients of our democracy, that are imprinted and engraved in the wood of the bench here that surrounds the place where the President comes to address the Nation, and where the Speaker, in our democracy in this House of Representatives, resides. It says “Union,” and we believe in our Union.

Mr. Speaker, I recall the ingredients of our democracy; I say this, the entire world should pay attention to what the ingredients of our democracy are: union, and make no mistake about it, we are unified; in justice, that is at the desk, and those who are less than animals who have done this to our people will be brought to justice; for tolerance, our tolerance as we debate and that we will bring tolerance to what these outcomes are; to liberty and understanding that there are those who have to pay a price for that; and for peace, peace of mind, peace in this land.

Mr. Speaker, in God we trust that we will honor the ingredients, that we will honor those whose lives have been taken, that we honor the Capitol Police tonight, and our folks, I would like to thank because they have worked very hard to take care of us, and to all of us we must say in God we trust that our deliberations will bring about the results that this magnificent Nation and our democracy deserves.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEPFLY), a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. HEPFLY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday’s devastating terrorist attacks will forever be seared on our individual and national memories. It was an unreal and incomprehensible assault on our people and our Nation. When I awoke this morning, it was with the sad realization that the attacks of yesterday actually occurred and claimed so many innocent lives.

Mr. Speaker, I passed the Pentagon on my way to work just a few minutes before the plane hit. This morning when I drove by the Pentagon, it was a very real and very different scene. The smoke was still pouring out, and the water was pouring in; but in a glimmer of hope, the American flag continued to wave on the grounds of the Pentagon. The American spirit will not be disabled.

It is shameful that thousands of American civilians gave their lives for a cause they did not know, for an issue they were not concerned. An attack against civilian targets of women and children and the innocent and without prejudice is beyond comprehension in our modern day, civilized world.

I mourn for the dead and extend my sympathy to the families of the afflicted. In this hour of bereavement, I extend my gratitude and praise for the men and women who serve to protect our society cannot pause to grieve, for their job is far from complete. To the families who grieve, the citizens who serve and a Nation that questions, I cannot underscore enough the desire of this Congress to find the perpetrators and inflict punishment.

Mr. Speaker, there will be an enormous price to pay, both to the cowards behind these horrendous acts and to any nation that hue and cry. Yesterday, the United States of America was the greatest Nation on the face of the Earth.

Today, the United States of America is the greatest Nation on the face of the Earth, and by the grace of God we will remain so.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY), my good neighbor, dear friend and distinguished colleague.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. LAN- tos) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, we have all come onto the floor of the distinguished House and looked at whomever is in the chair, and then raised our eyes just a little higher and looked at the words that are above, “In God we trust.”

I think it is very important today for our Nation to look at those words again and repeat them, either out loud or silently, as a prayer for our Nation, for those whose lives have been taken, in God we trust that they are above, “In God we trust.”

First, we can be divided, cast blame, or silently, as a prayer for our Nation, our society cannot pause to grieve, for those actions fully intending to destroy our democracy through terror, death, and disability will not succeed. This Nation’s steadfast determination to support democracy will not bow to terrorism.

We will instead reach out, reach out to the victims and their families. We will rebuild our cities and we will rebuild our confidence. We will not let the forces of evil prevail or go unpunished.

Yet, as we try to make sense of yesterday’s senseless activities, we will remember that our Nation’s response to these acts will also leave an indelible mark on American people. Determining an appropriate response and bringing those responsible for the attacks to justice means that we must temper our absolute resolve with wisdom, and Mr. LANTOS of the perch near Mark’s, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished ladywoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY), my good neighbor, dear friend and distinguished colleague.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. LAN- tos) for yielding me the time.

On behalf of the people of Marin and Sonoma Counties, I extend condolences and prayers to those who lost family, friends, and co-workers. To those in our Bay Area community who are grieving for their own losses in yesterday’s terrorist attacks, we stand ready to offer our support and console. To those who selflessly and bravely offered themselves in our Nation’s greatest time of need, we thank you.

Mr. Speaker, we send a message to those guilty of those disastrous acts. Our message is that their acts of destroying the World Trade Center, damaging the Pentagon, and using U.S. airlines to carry out their brutal deeds of death, those actions fully intending to destroy our democracy through terror, death, and disability will not succeed. This Nation’s steadfast determination to support democracy will not bow to terrorism.

Never again will Americans face the horror and the loss that we feel today. Never will we be lulled into a false sense of complacency that the world is safe or that national security can ever take a back seat to other more popular priorities.

Cynics say this is a resolution that is nonbinding, that it holds not the weight of law nor the power of resources. Cynics are wrong.

Mr. Speaker, there is no more important statement this body has made or will make that holds the strength and meaning of our vote today. This measure is an expression of support for our people, our values, our President. This measure codifies our commitment and unites us in our pledge: never forget, never again.

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The whole is always greater than the sum of its parts. Unity of purpose is critical.

Second, we can become hesitant and fearful. We can show great courage. The President’s declaration that those who harbor terrorists will be treated as terrorists is significant. Our pursuit of those responsible for the attack must be focused and relentless. Yet we must be certain that innocent people are not harmed in the process.

Third, adversity is a great teacher. We can learn from this event and become more vigilant and better prepared Nation. It is critical that we correct flaws in our national security. It is equally important that these corrections are made without acrimony and in a constructive atmosphere.

Fourth, we can demonstrate the vitality of our faith or we can yield to cynicism and despair. It has often been said that America is great because America is good. We were founded as one Nation under God, and our faith in God has undergirded our Nation since its inception. Hopefully an event such as this will underscore our reliance upon a power beyond our Nation. It is critical that we correct flaws in our national security. It matters what we do and how we do it.

Let us start with how. We must be bipartisan, balanced, and calm. Panic and partisanship are our enemies. And as one colleague said this morning, the Constitution of the United States must not be our next casualty.

What? We must take bold steps, including, first, restructuring our defense and intelligence budgets to meet the real threats of the 21st century, not the outdated threats of the 20th. Second, give first priority to counterterrorism, prevention being the most important goal. Our arsenal to prevent terrorism includes diplomacy, human intelligence and state-of-the-art technology. Third, strengthen efforts to train and equip responders at the local, State and Federal level. New York City did a magnificent job. So did the Capitol Police. And, fourth, respect the civil liberties and intelligence of Americans. We are a generous, courageous and resilient Nation. Given information, resources and leadership, the American people will rise to any challenge and fight down any assault to take from us our way of life.

We will defeat terrorism. We will honor the memories of my constituents, Raytheon executives Peter Gay and Stanley Hull. Raytheon employees Chandler Keller and Rubin Ornedo, all passengers on American Flight 77. Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG), a member of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations of the Committee on Appropriations.
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Mr. KOLLENSBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer on behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District of Michigan our thoughts and prayers for each and every one affected by the tragedy. Words alone cannot express the sorrow that America feels. Nor can words express the anger America feels. These attacks were a cowardly assault on innocent Americans, and this will not stand.

Make no mistake, these attacks were an act of war. All of us stand firmly behind the President in his efforts to identify and punish the perpetrators of these evil deeds. No one will rest until justice is done on those who committed these heinous crimes and on those who provided aid and comfort to those criminals.

Let me be clear. America’s relationships with our allies and those who would be our allies will be defined by their reactions to these events. I want to offer our support for our efforts to bring these terrorists and their accomplices to justice.

Our Nation’s capital has suffered as well. I have been in touch with the city’s leadership to assess their needs. As chairman of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia of the Committee on Appropriations, I will do what I can to ensure that it has the resources it needs to be as safe as possible.

Yesterday, we saw the worst of humanity. But it is the better angels of our nature that will prevail. Terrorism tries to defeat us with fear. Judging by the response of all Americans, fear is not winning.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, against this backdrop of an unfolding and unforgettable horror, we draw our loved ones closer. Let us consider what words can comfort those in pain and our gratitude sustain those who rescue and protect and heal. As our grief yields to anger, we unite in support of a swift response, commensurate to the evil, targeted against the guilty, sufficient to deter others who would visit terror on our shores.

The words of President Bush have been well chosen; his response has been firm, but measured. All of us want to join President Bush with a bipartisan display of national unity, just as we did last evening on the steps of this Capitol. As President Bush well understands, nothing good would be accomplished by attacking the innocent based on mere suspicion.

In today’s world, there can be no absolute security, no impenetrable “Fortress America.” For as long as tyrants exist, they will challenge and demonize the United States because of our ideas of freedom and liberty. We can only dedicate ourselves to determining how to bring this battle to a close, and redouble our efforts to protect our families from the greatest dangers, and ensure that only the guilty bear our retribution.

As we renew our declaration of war against terrorism, we know that if our enemies could be easily vanquished, they would already be gone; if we could buy our way out of such tragedies, the dollars would already have been spent. More money may be needed for some purposes, but a blank check is no substitute for policies that are sound, well coordinated and effectively implemented.

Certainly the lessons we learn in this kind of situation and the memories we take away are very individual. As I passed the Tidal Basin yesterday and witnessed the smoke rising from behind the Jefferson Memorial coming from the still-burning Pentagon, I will concede to being moved by the juxtaposition—the gray smoke from the Pentagon against this classic white marble structure where the words of Jefferson are inscribed: “I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.”

Today we join in subscribing to that same oath.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), a member of the Committee on Appropriations and, of particular note, the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, a dark cloak of terrorism fell across the United States with the brutal and heinous attacks on our country. The Nation watched in horror as events unfolded and Americans faced the harsh reality of terror right on our own doorstep.

In the shadow of the Statue of Liberty, thousands of people lie in the rubble. In the still smoldering center of our national defense headquarters, many are still unaccounted for.

Our hearts and prayers go out to those victims and their families. The surest consolation for those left behind, and indeed for all of us, can be found in the courage and knowledge that the blessings of this Nation, life, liberty, and freedom, will endure.

One of our most treasured symbols of freedom is the Statue of Liberty. Inscribed in the pedestal are these words—a metaphor of hope, but which are appropriate today. They are taken from President Franklin Roosevelt’s State of the Union message less than 1 month after the bombing of Pearl Harbor: “Liberty is the air America breathes. In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, freedom from fear.”

Mr. Speaker, Americans today yearn to be free of fear, to believe these terrorist attacks were an isolated incident which will not happen again. Yet we have no such guarantee.

Americans should know that the forces of evil which perpetrated these acts may make further attempts on our soil. These forces are not readily identifiable. As the President said this morning, “The American people need to know that this is a different enemy than we have ever faced.”

Mr. Speaker, that is why the United States must candidly acknowledge that more resources must be devoted to our intelligence and defense operations to defend against this new type of warfare. America will respond swiftly, decisively, and with force to these acts of war on our homeland; but we must also, to the best of our ability, make the necessary preparations to protect our country from the threat of this new war in the future.

We stand united as a Congress and as a country to defeat our enemies and to preserve our freedom, now and forever. May God grant us the resolve, the courage, and the national determination to overcome this tragedy. I want to offer my deep sympathy to those families and friends of those involved in this horror.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to my friend, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT).

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At a time like this, individuals who think little about the tenets and principles that undergird this government and this Nation are reminded of the values and the principles that we citizens of the United States so often take for granted. We will also never forget our loyalty to the rule of law.

It is important when the comfort of this Nation is shaken and we can see what we appear to have lost, that we then realize how great a nation the United States is and how we must truly love our country. Thank you, warriors of charity, our firefighters and police, emergency workers and the U.S. military, in New York and Washington and the Nation, for your selflessness.

As chair of the Congressional Children’s Caucus, I am amazed and impressed by the efforts made by the American children to help each other cope with this horrible tragedy. A member of my staff’s younger sister, a 14-year-old from New York City, recalled the dual shock of the events she experienced at a nearby school. She explained how hard it was to look at her father who was traveling on the plane that was crashed in the first World Trade Center tower. Another of her friends lost both of her parents, who went to work in the World Trade Center the morning of September 11, but will never return home.

Despite the magnitude of this human tragedy, I am moved by this young girl’s optimistic perspective of these events which she experienced firsthand. She explained that although her life and world have forever changed because of this great tragedy, she felt safe and proud when her classmates, children of all colors, creeds, and national origins came together as Americans and drew strength from their collective diversity and richness. We must not forget our children.

As the people of this country and the nations of the world look upon this House, let me say to my colleagues in stating unequivocally that this Nation is of one mind and one voice in this time of tragedy. I support the President and will work to ensure that all available resources are devoted toward funding and holding accountable those individuals responsible for this blow to world citizenship.

The nations of this world should understand both our determination to find the patrons of these heinous acts, and our collective faith that we will pursue this goal with the integrity and conviction that the gravity of the situation demands. I know that this nation is of one mind and one voice in this time of tragedy. I support the President and will work to ensure that all available resources are devoted toward funding and holding accountable those individuals responsible for this blow to world citizenship.

As we move forward in our pursuit of justice, we must also be mindful not to assign collective guilt on any one group among us. I know that at times such as these people have a tendency to generalize, stereotype, and sinus on the shock and sadness. All Americans are stunned at the magnitude of damage, the obvious and extreme loss of life, and the uncertainty of huge totals regarding the loss of life that we face in the next couple of days.

At a time like this, individuals who think little about the tenets and principles that undergird this government and this Nation are reminded of the values of freedom and democracy we citizens of the United States so often take for granted. When the comfort of this nation is shaken, and we can see what we appear to have lost, we then realize how great a nation the United States is and how much we truly love our country. Perhaps this is but a function of God’s Grace toward our nation, because Americans are reminded of those which unfolded yesterday. Americans are reminded of the kings and aristocrats, but of the constant struggle of American citizens of all races, colors, religions, and national origins fighting for freedom, equality, and justice for all.

As America watched the events unfold on television, we saw countless examples of this collective American spirit animating individuals to acts of heroism. I would like to especially recognize the selfless heroism of the many thousands of New York City and National Police, Fire Department, emergency service workers throughout this tragedy. I thank the men and women of the U.S. military. They have worked and continue to work through the most dangerous and catastrophic event in American history. To those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while saving the lives of others, and to their families, I say to you “Thank you, and God bless you. Your faith and commitment to democracy and to the sanctity of human life will make us all safer, healthier, and better able to serve those around the world who are in need, all else, for freedom, democracy, and peace.”

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The United States will act against the zealots that committed these crimes in a manner that eliminates their effectiveness and denies them martyrdom. We will also act against those who harbor them. We must find a way to hold these international criminals at the expense of their peaceful and law-abiding citizens. My fellow Americans, the United States will act to
Mr. Speaker, yesterday, for the first time in 187 years, we have been attacked in the continental United States. In 1814, during the War of 1812, both the White House and the Capitol were set on fire and nearly totally destroyed.

In the time between, buttressed by two enormous oceans, Americans felt an enormous sense of security. Today, that feeling is gone. It will be a very, very long time before we feel safe again, like before!

We grieve—not only for the thousands who died yesterday—but for ourselves.

Our national human response is—first denial—then apathy—and then rage.

The United States is the greatest, most powerful nation in the world—a nation that cannot allow itself to react irresponsibly, against innocent people, out of an act of rage.

America must be careful in its response.

Our prayers go out to the victims and families of the thousands who were senselessly killed and injured. Our nation is committed to finding and eradicating terrorism that is the cause of this atrocity.

We must not act in haste—by rushing to act out our vengeance against fellow Americans—because America is the world’s greatest melting pot, and in today’s society, we simply cannot guess at an individual’s country of natural origin by their appearance. We have to make sure that we make war on terrorism—not on Arabs!

We must make a further distinction between the war on terrorism and the war on Americans of Near or South Asian descent. There have been many references to a second Pearl Harbor, and while the shock and anger certainly are similar and warranted, that anger should not be directed towards our neighbors in ethnic communities across the country. We must not make a mistake in our response.

We must set an example to the world. Americans will not lower themselves to the luxury of taking for granted. We will allow freedom and justice that we no longer have to people of the United States are peace-ful, and above all else, we have faith in the freedom and justice that we no longer have the luxury of taking for granted. We will allow this faith to guide the instruments of the United States and the citizens of this nation who will stand to the calls for justice that echo from around the world. Like Psalm 23, this nation walked through the “Valley of the Shadow of Death” yesterday. This nation, however, “fears no evil,” for the strength of our convictions and the Grace of God comfort us, and we have emerged stronger and more determined than ever.

The United States is faced with great challenges as we move forward from this day of national emergency. We shall continue to pray and heal, even as we pursue the authorities of those who went to the aid of others. We shall walk, and not faint. “They shall walk, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Gekas), the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, we Members of Congress could not have been totally surprised by the swiftness with which the fire-fighters and ambulance drivers and police people and hospital people rushed to the scene, both in New York and at the Pentagon. We should not be surprised, because we have seen instances in our own districts, dozens of times, time and time again, of the valiant work of the firefighter and the policeman and the ambulance driver. But the sheer magnitude of what they did in New York and the Pentagon charges again our admiration for their service to mankind, service to their communities, and, yes, service to our country.

So, with their efforts, we fulfilled and are still fulfilling the three charges that are made to the American people and to the American government: one, to take care of our wounded and the ends of the casualties; number two, to prepare for re-structuring of the damage that was done by these terrorists; and, number three, as everyone agrees, to bring the culprits to justice.

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that I have been here in Congress, we have suffered other terrorist attacks and all we have done is talk. This has to stop. This time, we have to retaliate; and we have to do so strongly. The resolve that no one will dare attack us on our homeland again.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR).

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my condolences to the victims and my support for all of the people who are rescuing, and I join my President in resolving to join him in finding those people who perpetrated this crime.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and a deep resolve. I rise in support of this Resolution.

Like all other Americans, and many from other countries around the world, I am saddened by the events of yesterday. Our hearts weep for the victims and families of this horrendous attack. Our hearts weep for our nation. And our hearts weep for our civilization.

But, just as Americans of past generations have stared down the grisly realities of malicious and wanton aggressions upon our freedom, our livelihood, and our way of life, so we will rise up to denounce, withstand, and battle this atrocity.

Let no one throughout the world misunderstand America's resolve to end the senseless carnage that we observed yesterday. Let no one throughout the world misunderstand America's spirit to defend democracy and freedom. Let no one throughout the world misunderstand America's will to prevail.

It is a time of sadness and a time of challenge in our nation. We will continue to remember and revere those who perished. But we will also meet this challenge with the conviction and the courage that has made our nation the shining symbol of freedom throughout the world.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE), my good friend and colleague.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about yesterday's outrageous attack on America. First and foremost, I want to express my sympathy and condolences to the victims of these attacks and to the families. Their unimaginable suffering that they have been forced to endure will forever give them a unique place in America's collective hearts. We pray that the good Lord, in his mercy, will comfort the innocent and help them find a path to perseverance and peace. We resolve that their loss will never be forgotten in this country where we share their deep grief.

I commend the many acts of heroism performed by civilians, police, firefighters, and others. The response of the American people has been overwhelming, as people give their time, their prayers, and their blood to assist our fallen brothers and sisters. Americans of all walks of life have shown their true colors in this crisis, and those colors are unmistakably red, white, and blue.

Yesterday, we witnessed multiple acts of extreme cowardice, precipitated by individuals so twisted with hate as to slaughter innocent citizens, men, women and children who have done them no harm and posed them no threat. The people of this country feel these attacks deeply because we know that the target of those assaults were every man, woman and child in this country. Freedom itself and our way of life came under attack yesterday, and we must answer that call to protect our citizens.

President Roosevelt correctly stated, "We, born to freedom and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. Who ever heard of a people who believe as deeply as we do would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

America stands today bruised and bloody, but she stands nonetheless. America stands unbowed. We will recover from this assault. We will bury our dead. We will rebuild. And we will fight to maintain our freedom.

Our enemy in this war may be elusive, but he is not invisible. Our enemy may be sophisticated, but he is not invincible. Our enemy is certainly ruthless, but he will know America's resolve. The people of America want an end to this threat; and by joining together, we can and will do it.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON), a member of the Committee on Science, Committee on Financial Services, and the Committee on Government Reform.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I rise in support of the resolution. Words can never be found to fully express the sorrow we share for the many, many innocent men, women, and children who lost their lives and for their families. The lives of thousands of innocent civilians were taken yesterday in acts of cowardly violence. I urge all Americans to continue to lift up prayers for the families and friends of those whose lives were viciously taken.

These evil acts against the American people will strengthen the resolve of the United States in our commitment to the principles upon which our Nation was founded. The American people will not flinch, but will respond with all strength and unity against these cowards and their supporters. The resolve of the American people and our military might is united in hunting down everyone involved in this tragic act of war against the American people. Anyone who was connected in any way with these terrorists shall receive the full brunt of our justice. They will rue the day they conceived this act of violence.

I call upon my colleagues and all Americans to join President Bush as we stand together in unity against those who senselessly took the lives of countless American men, women, and children. This terrorist action amounts to a declaration of war on innocent civilians and will not be allowed to stand. May God sustain us through our hour of need and give us wisdom to do what is right.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DEUTSCH), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, this is my 10th year in this Chamber; and I will tell my colleagues that I still have goose bumps when I walk into this Chamber every day, even after 10 years, because we are part of not just the greatest Chamber in the history of the world, but the greatest country in the history of the world.

Over 300 years ago, people left their homeland and some of them landed on the tip of Manhattan, not far from where the World Trade Center was destroyed; and those were early pioneers in the creation of America, the oldest democracy in the history of the world, a country unique in world history for many reasons. Yesterday was a day that is part of our history now. We have faced challenges as great as what we face at this point in our history, and we have met every one of those challenges. I have no doubt that we will meet this one as well.

Mr. Speaker, there are many analogies about Pearl Harbor. I had the opportunity to visit Pearl Harbor for the first time this past July. I read a little history of the historic site and after Pearl Harbor. I think in time, people will read about the history of yesterday, as well, in the same context. The Japanese might have thought that they had the strategic advantage and they made a policy-correct decision in that attack, but the history is clear. It was an incredible strategic failure. Just as the action of yesterday, I think for sure, history, in time, will show it an absolute colossal strategic failure.

This Congress, I do not know if by our actions will, in fact, declare war on the perpetrators of this action, but I believe we should. There is precedent to do such action. The Barbary pirates were not a country, they were terrorists in their own right and the Congress declared war on the Barbary pirates and the implications of them. I believe that is what we should do, whether by direct deeds or by other actions; and it is a war that we are committed to and one we will win.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may
consume to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. JENKINS.)

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GREEN), a member of the Committee on Armed Services as well as the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, throughout history, our foes have misunderstood and underestimated the American people. They have often mistaken our love of peace for a fear of using force. They have mistaken our adherence to the rule of law at home for an unwillingness to take decisive action abroad, and they have mistaken our vibrant democracy for an inability to stand together. But they are wrong. The foes responsible for yesterday’s outrage will soon feel the depth of their miscalculation.

In times like this, Mr. Speaker, I take great comfort from the halls of this old capitol herself. We are in crisis, I say to my colleagues, but as Americans, we have seen crises before: Civil War, world wars, calamity and catastrophe, but this capitol and this Nation have persevered and somehow grown stronger.

Many of us, when we walked into these Chambers today, walked through what is known as Statuary Hall, where there are monuments to some of the great men and women who have gone before us and built this empire of liberty. Black and white, rich and poor, people from all walks of life, there is nothing like it, and nothing like them anywhere in the world. It is time to stand together to protect their legacy. It is time to reawaken this Nation and our spirit. It is time to show the world a force that is stronger and more potent than any weapon on Earth: the force of a free people, united in a single tent than any weapon on Earth: the force that is stronger and more powerful than any weapon on Earth: the force of a free people, united in a single purpose.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. LUTHER).

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

Yesterday, our Nation was met with an unspeakable tragedy as we were stripped of the peace and security that we have enjoyed for so long. This is a time of great national grief; and on behalf of myself, my staff, and the people of Minnesota who I represent, I join all Americans in praying for the victims, survivors, first responders, and loved ones.

Unfortunately, yesterday’s events are a stark reminder of the dangerous world in which we live and the serious risks to people who are firmly committed to democracy, freedom and opportunity for all, as we Americans are. Our law enforcement and military officials will work to promptly find those responsible, and we will prepare a strong and appropriate response. But today, today as a Nation, let us recognize the victims and the survivors, the response teams and all of the other heroes who responded to this attack and to our Nation and to the blessings we enjoy as Americans. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mr. Speaker, if there is one thing for us to remember from this tragedy, let it simply be this: as our country has shown over and over in the past, and as difficult as these times are, we will become stronger as a Nation because of the contributions and sacrifices each of you has made.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) who is an Air Force pilot, former airline pilot, and a Vietnam as well as Persian Gulf vet, and a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday America was changed forever. This despicable terrorist action waged against America, waged against innocent civilians, citizens, men and women, waged against symbols of strength and success in America, was clearly an act of war, an act of war waged against our citizens and military personnel, along with firemen and policemen; and we will never forget what they have done.

Now, as we try to find the words, the correct words, to put it all into proper perspective, we must have the resolve to take all of the necessary action; and we must have the resolve to provide our warfighters and intelligence agencies the resources they need.

We must provide them the resolve they will need to remove this blight from our international society.

As the rescue efforts continue, our hearts and prayers go out to the families, friends, and coworkers of those missing and lost yesterday and today. America was founded on freedoms, and we have always fought for our freedoms. We will never give in to terrorism. We will never give up until everyone responsible for this cowardly act has paid the price.

We will prevail. America must prevail. May God bless the United States of America, and grant us the will and strength to see this through.

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE).

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the horrific images of yesterday will forever be etched in our memories: people leaping from the World Trade Center as the flames advanced; the terror of passengers aboard those hijacked planes as they attempted to warn us of what was to come; a gaping hole in the Pentagon, with workers killed at their desks.

It is difficult in the shadow of these images and these thoughts, and our first, human response must be to express our profound sympathy to the victims and their families; to pursue a vigorous rescue operation; to reach out, to give blood, to do whatever we can to alleviate the suffering of those directly targeted in yesterday’s attack.

I am confident that we willreach out and work together as a united community. We have proven before that we can and will pull together at times of danger and disaster, as we in North Carolina know from our experiences after Hurricanes Fran and Floyd.

There were moving stories of heroism and sacrifice yesterday from police and firefighters and ordinary citizens. We have a tremendous capacity to sustain and support one another, and we must demonstrate that resolve and mutual commitment as never before in the days ahead.

We must also move vigorously and swiftly to gain full and accurate information about how this disaster occurred and who was responsible. We must track down and punish the perpetrators and anyone who harbored them or gave them aid. Our retaliation must be severe and sure, leaving no doubt of our unwillingness to tolerate this kind of assault, and of our determination to make certain that nothing like this ever happens again.

Part of our mission must be to rethink national security policy. Everything from airport security to intelligence activities must be examined to ensure that we are able to anticipate and control terrorism. And, as the House has demonstrated by reconvening today, we cannot allow ourselves to be deterred from carrying on this Nation’s vital work here and abroad.

Yesterday, terrorists attempted to snuff out the beacon of hope our country has represented to this conflict-ridden world. On this occasion, we must resolve to brighten that beam and carry on this Nation’s vital work here and abroad.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON), the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Air Quality.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tragic Tuesday, which occurred yesterday, is one of those days that is going to go down in history as a “Where were you on September 11?”

I was not alive on December 7, 1941, but for those who were, it was one of those “Where were you on September 7, 2001?”
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1941” days when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. I was alive in November of 1963. In fact, I was in the eighth grade in Innis Junior High School when President Kennedy was assassinated less than 50 miles away in Dallas outside the School Book Repository Building.

I was alive in July, 1969 when the first man, a United States astronaut, landed on the Moon.

Obviously, I was alive yesterday when the tragic plane attacks hit the Trade Center and the Pentagon, and then the plane crashed in Pennsylvania. So that is one of those “Where were you” days.

The question before the Congress today, the Presidency, and to some extent the American people, is what are we going to do about it.

There has been a lot of talk on the floor about the cowardly act. Well, it is cowardly in the sense that our attackers did not warn us and they did not declare war on us in the classic sense, they just hijacked the planes and attacked civilian targets in New York and the military target here in Washington.

But it was not cowardly in the sense that the people that perpetrated it were cowards; just the opposite, they were probably very religiously committed, willing to die for a cause that they believe in. And however many there were that died yesterday, we have to assume that there are more who are willing to die in the future.

So if we are really serious about a war against terrorism, we need to think about that. I am very committed to bringing the perpetrators, either eliminating them with military action or capturing them and taking them through whatever the legal system is, if that is appropriate.

But I am going to declare war, let us really think that through and be prepared to do what it takes.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my good friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was like a massive earthquake, except that it was not of active nature but of evil men. Like in a massive earthquake, the aftershocks were mainly of huge, horrible, physical damage. The worst was yet to come, as we are now beginning to glimpse the full extent of the unspeakable loss of human life and the pain and suffering of the families who have loved ones.

The days ahead will be filled with unbearable grief. The entire Nation will be in deep mourning. Because this disaster was man-made, it also poses a special challenge to our Nation and to our spirit—a moment of silence for those who are lost, for those families and friends and loved ones, and to be thankful for what we have. In times of a national tragedy, America always comes together. We are showing the world what it is to be an American.

This was an act of war on our people. We will not be divided. The President and Congress will be united in dealing with this horrible act. This is not a time of politics or blame but a time of sorrow, mourning, and healing. We must hold fast. We will investigate and we will find the culprits, and we will release the full fury of rage.

But if these terrorists turn out to be foreign, we will not lash out at others of the same nationality who have no connections to the attack. Americans are human people who respect the rule of the law. This is about families that will never again be reunited: the brave souls that gave their lives in the line of duty; the police, the firefighters; the men and women and children on the planes; the workers in the World Trade Center; the place in the mind that will not heal quickly.

I ask for Members’ prayers for those whose lives have been lost. May God grant us the wisdom to steer our great Nation through this difficult time. This is a resolution about our families, our freedoms, our future. God bless America. We are proud of this Nation.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. CRENSHAW), the former President of the Florida State Senate and a member of the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. As I walked up the steps of the Capitol this morning alone, I was overcome by an eerie sense of silence and I said to me, it is finally hitting home what happened yesterday, because yesterday I was struck with disbelief as I watched the horrible pictures on television. Yet, today my stomach churns with a sudden sickening feeling of sorrow and sadness for the people who lost loved ones.

Yesterday it was a feeling of horror as I watched those pictures of mass destruction. Yet today my eyes have been burned with tears as I watched real men and women talk about real sons and daughters who are lost in yesterday’s tragedy; from disbelief to sadness, now to anger and revenge, and I am sure that all Americans share these feelings with me.

Yet we must now focus our feelings on the new sense of resolve, a resolve that says that we will no longer tolerate such actions; that the United States of America, the greatest country on the face of the Earth, will not be intimidated by terrorists, no matter how hideous their actions.

Yesterday, terrorism struck, and it struck as it always does, without warning, without reason. It struck by those...
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who have no heart and have no conscience, have no soul, cold-blooded murderers.

Yesterday, the terrorists succeeded. They accomplished what the foundations of two great symbols of America. But make no mistake, history will record those terrorists failed miserably in shaking the very foundations of this great country. I urge adoption of this resolution.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCDONALD).

Mr. MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, the horrifying acts of terrorism which occurred yesterday were a cowardly act of attacking America.

We in Congress must be dedicated and determined to take immediate action in three ways:

First, to help the victims and their families and to make sure that all Federal resources that are necessary are available;

Second, to ensure that our liberties as American citizens are protected and that the American public is safe;

Third, to make sure that the perpetrators are discovered and punished.

Our focus must be on the injured and their families and those who are offering medical assistance, and others who are helping in so many different ways. It has taken, unfortunately, these horrifying acts of terrorism to draw attention to the resources and needs of our intelligence and defense agencies, and we must address those needs immediately so that our Nation's citizens know that their freedoms are not being compromised.

We need prayer also for the injured and the suffering and their families, for our law enforcement, our EMS units, and our medical and health care providers, for our military, which stands ready to help wherever and whenever it is needed, and wisdom for our government in the decisions that we yet have to make.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN), a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Today, we stand. Reflecting on the events of yesterday with the silence of death and the stench of terrorism in the air, we stand. We stand united. We stand committed. We stand determined. We stand confident. We stand, and we shall overcome.

Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Mr. Terrorist, make no mistake about it, we will act. We will be patient but deliberate. We will be open but focused. We will act. We will pay the ultimate price for the evil they have wrought. We in Congress should provide all the means of support available to help in the search and the rescue efforts, the recovery efforts, and the rebuilding of the damaged and destroyed structures, as well as the investigation to find the criminals responsible.

Mr. Speaker, this can never happen again.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. SANDLIN).

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Today, we stand. Reflecting on the events of yesterday, do not seek God in a somber and supplicatory way, but seek Him in human and patriotic ways that we will not stand for this type of senseless violence.

I will support the President in taking the strongest possible action against the cowards who perpetrated these horrendous acts against the people of the United States; certainly what many people say is the darkest day in American history.

I believe we must do everything humanly possible to find out who is responsible for these acts of terror and take the strongest possible action against them. We need to show the world in a very determined and dramatic way that we will not stand for this type of senseless violence.

We can expect that same leadership from the American public and the world should know that this Congress, working closely with the administration, will not rest until these mass murderers are brought to swift decisive justice and punishment.

Most importantly, right now, Mr. Speaker, our sympathy should go out in the most heartfelt way to the families of those who have fallen victim to these unspeakable tragic events. The American public and the world should know that this Congress, working closely with the administration, will not rest until these mass murderers are brought to swift decisive justice and punishment.

We must recognize that there are fundamental security problems in our society that must be addressed. We must prevent such unspeakable events from taking place. We need to work with the FAA, the Department of Transportation, as well as the airlines to secure our airports and our airplanes against people who would cause such destruction.

I have spent the last 6 years as chair gentleman of the House Committee on Aviation. We need to immediately
place U.S. marshals or other law enforcement officials on all commercial flights. We also need to focus more resources on and do more detailed background checks on the men and women who are the security screeners in the airports across our country. We need to make it impossible for terrorists to compromise the cockpits of our airliners by retrofitting all aircraft with an impenetrable barrier between the cockpits and passenger cabins. Most importantly, we must restore the confidence of the flying public in the security and integrity of our commercial aviation infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for this resolution. It is the least we can do, and we all need to join together in supporting those who have suffered so much in these horrible tragedies.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHN).

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to offer my condolences to the families from across our great nation who are coping with the grief of yesterday’s tragic events.

Terrorists have broken our hearts, but they have not broken our resolve. Yesterday, we were a nation in shock. Today, we are a Nation in mourning. And while we are numb in disbelief, America is not paralyzed. Our brave rescue workers are still finding survivors and providing hope for all Americans. Our faith in God is providing Americans with solace. And, Mr. Speaker, this Congress will support and give the President all the resources he requires to provide Americans with justice.

The diabolical sophistication of yesterday’s attacks point to a well-coordinated evil nation that took considerable organization in plan and implementation. We stand here tonight united as a Congress and as a nation in telling the world that we will not leave one stone unturned until we find and punish these terrorists and their supporters.

America is still a nation of heroes. The men and women who gave their lives yesterday in an attempt to rescue others is a statement to the courage and bravery of ordinary people when faced with enormous challenges.

Mr. Speaker, as I stand here tonight surrounded by my colleagues in Congress, I have never been more sure of myself that America is up to the challenge to vanquish evil and that this will forever be changed because of yesterday’s attacks, but we will be a stronger, not a weaker Nation for them. God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire as to how much time remains.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 27 minutes remaining, and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) has 5 minutes remaining.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.J. Res. 61, pursuant to the order of the House earlier today, debate on the joint resolution be extended 2 hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman or his designee and the ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, along with everyone else, I support this resolution. However, mentally, I want everyone to know that I will assume it is a declaration of war. I believe that from a mental set a declaration of war is what we need.

First, it will allow us to use any and all means necessary to strike at any group or government when facts support it and do it in a wartime mentality. Secondly, believing this resolution is a declaration of war I think creates a mental framework which we need as a society. We need to reach out in meaningful ways, in sustaining ways, to aid those who have suffered personal tragedy. We need to strengthen our economy to sustain our people, and understand that property damage can be repaired, that economic strength will be the key not only to carrying out the fight against those who have perpetrated these deeds, but also to making available all of our resources. This will not be a short fight. It will be a long and difficult one.

We need all of the resources available to us, moral, religious, and economic; and I will be looking at short-term, medium-term, and long-term responses to this. So that from a military point of view, from an economic point of view, and from a sustaining societal and nurturing point of view, we will not just carry on our enemies, and we will have real arrows in our quiver.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON).

Ms. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to stand in solidarity with the people of America and to speak out against the senseless, horrendous tragedies of September 11, 2001. It is a day that will live in infamy. There are no words, no pictures, no sentiments that can express the magnitude of the evil that showed itself yesterday. My heart and my thoughts go out to the families of those who were murdered, and to all those affected. The love of the people of this great country embraces the spirit of those heroes who lost their lives to save others. Those glorious Americans, who worked at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, members of the Police and Fire Departments and EMS, represent the best of America. We should all be humbled by their sacrifices.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON).

Ms. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to stand in solidarity with the American Airlines family. They are unique contributors to Dallas-Fort Worth. They are unique contributors to America. They are a part of all of our lives. They are a part of our souls. We honor the lives they lived as Americans.

Let it be known, that the United States Congress will stop at nothing, and at no time, to protect our citizens. Let it be known, that the United States of America will never, ever, cower to terrorists and never give up our way of life. Let it be known that Americans may never forget that one American family. Most importantly, let it be known that we will, we will, we will bring those responsible for the horrors of terrorism to complete justice. Our flags are at half-mast, but our heads are high as Americans. America is a great nation, and our freedom will ring loudly forever. May God Bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Ms. BROWN).

Ms. BROWN of. Mr. Speaker, God bless America.

Yesterday, on September 11, for the first time in 175 years, the capital of the world’s greatest military power was attacked by a cowardly and totally spineless enemy. We, the United States, the leader of the free world, the country that saved Europe from Nazi Germany, the country that had the courage to stand up to communism and dictatorships worldwide, the one Nation in the world looked to for leadership, cannot submitively stand by while this Nation is attacked.

This was a well-organized and thought-out attack and it demands a well-organized and powerful response. Members of these fanatical groups cannot go unpunished, nor will this nation support them. Those nations that give them shelter, weapons, support and training, we will deliver a swift and immediate response to this horrible act.

Congress and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure must take steps to implement new safety standards for air travel and, in fact, all modes of transportation. I have received numerous calls today from pilots saying that we have to absolutely secure the cockpits on our airplanes. I support the idea of live U.S. marshals on each and every plane again just as we did in the 1990s.

My heart and prayers go out to the families of the victims, and I want to commend the volunteers and emergency personnel on their tireless efforts. How can you help? I am donating blood tomorrow and asking my constituents to do the same. For all the people out
there that are watching, if you have any information that could assist this ongoing investigation, please call the FBI hot line.

In closing, I want to make it clear, whether we are a Democrat, a Republican, male or female, black or white, we stand behind the Commander in Chief. War has been declared against the American people, and you are either with us or against us. There is no in between.

Mr. TAUZIN of Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution.

I, like all of my colleagues, suffer with the inconsolable grief of all of our countrymen who watched the horrific destruction visited on our Nation yesterday. But we also watched with humility and admiration the amazing acts of courage and sacrifice and heroism of firemen and rescue workers and police, both here in this city and New York City; and we pray for all of them tonight.

There are criminal acts and there are acts of war. Criminal acts are answered in court within the judicial system. Acts of war are answered militarily. Yesterday was an act of war; and there will be a military response. You know it. It is coming. Those who have visited that destruction upon America yesterday had better get themselves ready for it. But there were other criminal acts yesterday that I want to talk about tonight, and I want to talk to those criminals.

There is no shortage of gasoline in this country. There is no shortage of crude oil. Every one of you who jack the price up yesterday to $3 and $4 and $5 and took advantage of Americans who suffer with all of us in this crisis are petty criminals, and you ought to be in the hoosegow and you will be.

The Department of Energy, FTC, Attorney General, the Department of Justice have all issued warnings today that they are investigating. Crude oil stocks are up. Gasoline supplies are up. Production is up. Imports are up. OPEC has guaranteed their reserves to us if we need them. Every country in OPEC unanimously did. The major oil companies have frozen their prices, both at the wholesale level.

Any one of you out there price-gouging Americans in this crisis are not just criminals, you are aiding and abetting the terrorists who hit us yesterday; and I ought to spend a few days in the pokey.

God bless this country. We will get through this; but we need to stand together as patriots, not as petty criminals.

Mr. LANTOS of New Jersey (Mr. LANTOS), Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN).

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, each and every day I am humbled to serve as a Member of the United States Congress. I am humbled by the honor of representing my constituents. I am humbled by the privilege to serve this great Nation. I love this country. I cherish our freedoms.

I have great regard for the leadership and courage that has been demonstrated by our Members throughout our Nation's history from its birth onward. Time and time again our Nation has risen to the challenges posed by evil, violence, intolerance, and injustice. These were challenges of immense proportions, and we did not shrink from them. Of course, all of us hoped that these sorts of challenges, these attacks on our very own soil were part of our Nation's history, not our Nation's present or future.

Most Americans yesterday and today saw telecasts that will be indelibly inscribed in their minds and consciences. In New York, Pennsylvania, and our Nation's capital, other Americans witnessed these tragedies firsthand. Our Nation and our Nation's families have suffered unimaginably from the unspeakable evil acts of yesterday. We will not shrink from facing this challenge either.

I have been so deeply moved by the capacity of the American people to respond to this crisis. Words cannot express the gratitude that I feel and want to convey to our Nation's emergency workers, the paramedics, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, members of National Guard and so many others.

Words are also inadequate to express the depth of the sympathy that I want to share with the victims and their families. I join all my colleagues in condemning these despicable acts. We must unite in our resolve to justice.

The greatness of this country in our own eyes and the eyes of the world is the promise that we will act against the perpetrators only when we are certain of their culpability.

I also know that it is the American people, our freedoms and our democracy that make this Nation great. Our constitutional liberties shall not be sacrificed in our search for greater security, for that is what our enemies and all enemies of freedom and democracy hope to achieve.

I have never been more deeply moved to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (Mr. SMITH). Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NETHERCUTT).

Mr. NETHERCUTT of New Jersey (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 61.

Mr. Speaker, in the course of human events, there are moments that so impact the progression of world history, that the character of all people becomes imbued with the solemn understanding that life will never be the same. The terrorist events that transpired on September 11, 2001, collectively create a most infamous moment in the history of the United States of America.

These cowardly acts of destruction were intended to strike fear in the American spirit with the hope that our Nation will retreat from its policies and obligations overseas. If these perpetrators chose to study American history rather than how to make us understand that they would realize the futility of their actions and know that there is one choice we cannot and will not make. America will never choose the path of submission.

Our hearts have been pierced by tragedy and weep for those lost souls and their families of America's worst disaster. Throughout American history, our lands and others have been turned red by the blood of those who defended America's character. Now, in modern times, the urban streets of two great cities shared this unfortunate distinction.

America's story is one of providence. Over the last 225 years, God and truth, combined with American courage and spirit, have allowed us to triumph in every honorable national struggle placed before us. There is a resilience in our country that transcends tragedy. Those who repudiate reason—and twist it to such ghastly ends as these—do not deserve the gift of life. Their actions cannot be allowed to triumph over freedom and democracy. We must pray to God that they will not.

A war of terrorism has been declared against America, and more has been attacked than just our great land. I support President Bush's initiative to mobilize our national military forces, and forces around the world which love freedom, in order to push terrorism from the face of the world. Foreign states that facilitate, harbor, employ, or conveniently turn a blind eye to those who engage in missions of terror, should suffer the consequences of their misguided judgement. America's immigration policy, our governmental law enforcement resources, and our military capabilities must be bolstered to meet our nation's challenge.

The sense of heightened patriotism being exhibited as a result of this tragedy will assist the efforts being called for from all corners of our nation to exact justice. It also gives us the chance to pay tribute to the firefighters, police, rescue crews, medical teams, survivors and supporters alike who are the true heroes of the day. The families of those who perished deserve our prayers and deep sympathies.

As in all difficulties in life, our faith as a nation, as a people, have not wavered. God has been turned red by the blood of those who defended America's character. Now, in modern times, the urban streets of two great cities shared this unfortunate distinction.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (Mr. SMITH). Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 61.

This resolution expresses clearly the sentiment not only of this Congress, but the sentiment of all Americans. It condemns the despicable actions of terrorists who planned and carried out the attacks yesterday against the people of the United States. It extends the
condolences of all our citizens to the victims and their families, commends the heroic actions of the fireman, police, and other rescue workers who responded to these tragic events, and underscores the resolve of all of us in America and many others around the world to fight and win this war against terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that so many Members of Congress are speaking for their constituents in support of this resolution, and they represent a broad cross-section of Republicans or Democrats, liberals of conservatives. Eastern or Westerner, but as Americans. It is this unity of spirit, singularity of purpose, and faith in our destiny as purveyors of freedom which will see us through this and lead us to victory.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), a member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, from what I hear on television, we may have found our first example of how America will rise to the occasion. Apparently, the passengers on United Flight 93, the Pennsylvania flight, were talking to their relatives and the picture was becoming clear to them what their fate was about to be.

The story goes, according to recent reports, that one of the passengers told his wife that we just voted among ourselves to take on the hijackers. I think that gives the best example of what awaits the terrorists.

We will soon vote here, Republicans and Democrats. We will vote to take on the terrorists who tried to destroy freedom and our way of life. Our allies today in NATO voted to consider the attack on the United States as an attack on NATO.

The message that was trying to be sent by the fanatics who orchestrated this I am not sure of, but the message we are going to send them will be very clear. Our forefathers defeated tyranny; so shall we.

Mr. Speaker, the story goes when the staff of Admiral Yamamoto congratulated him on the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he replied, “I am afraid all we have done is awoken a sleeping giant.”

Mr. Speaker, that is exactly what happened yesterday. America sleeps no more.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCOLOSKY).

Mr. VISCOLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, my thoughts and prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones and family members in this evil and barbaric act. We as a Nation cannot tolerate these kinds of attacks on American citizens.

Today we must first pledge our unwavering support for those involved in the search and rescue missions underway in Washington, D.C. and New York City. Our government officials, fire fighters, doctors, nurses, rescue workers have committed thousands of selfless acts to help those injured.

Secondly, we must persevere in the fight against the enemies of freedom and democracy, as we have in the past. It took the United States over 4 years to win the Korean War, and more than 40 years to win the Cold War. All Americans must now display the same patience and strong resolve in the war against terrorism. We have a moral obligation to seek out these craven individuals, wherever they may hide, to destroy them and their organizations so they may no longer kill, maim or injure innocent people in the future.

America and its people are good and just. Our democracy is strong, and the good we do will prevail in the end. We live in a free and civilized society. Our resolve tonight and tomorrow and forever must be to permanently establish these values across the globe.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Kentucky (Mr. FLETCHER), a member of the Committee on the Budget, the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address this honorable body. Words fail to fully express our grief and fall short of describing our resolve as we respond to this act of barbarity and violence against the free and innocent.

Throughout our Nation’s history, we along with the world watch and witness that during the darkest hours, America unites with exemplary character, strength and bravery. We witness a diverse Nation pulling together with tireless compassion towards those fallen, wounded and grieving.

We also feel the swelling strength of a government, united to ensure that evil is answered with the goodness of justice so that freedom’s peace and security prevail.

Our prayers and resources are with all those grieving, and our gratitude and full support is with all of the men and women engaged in this unrelenting endeavor against the evil terror of those who harbor hate and violence.

We reaffirm our unwavering support of President Bush and his able staff. We also extend our gratitude to NATO and other free and friendly nations who join us in our resolve to destroy not only the branches but the very roots of these intolerable acts of terror.

Across from the battered walls of the Pentagon lay the graves of those who have given their all for freedom. By our resolve, we honor them, as well as all the fallen we now grieve, that none of these intolerable acts of terror will continue.

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to express my sorrow, my horror, my anger about yesterday’s attacks on the United States democracy. I offer my most sincere condolences to the victims and their families. I offer my support to the President, and to the many Federal, State and local agencies that are taking part in the ongoing investigation and rescue efforts.

Today I stand with the entire United States Congress, and perhaps most importantly, stand alongside every other American citizen in a united and invisible defense of our freedom. We know that our democracy will not falter during this test. Our democratic foundations, our government, and our people are too strong.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the outpouring of sympathy and assistance the American people have generously provided during this crisis. My thoughts, my prayers and encouragement, are with the missing fire fighters in New York and the many rescue teams, the military and medical personnel here and in New York.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the American public to continue donating blood and continue to fly our American flags. Continue to stand as one Nation, under God, indissoluble, with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BRYANT), a former U.S. Attorney and a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, it has been a long and difficult 36 hours since the first airplane crashed into the tower of the World Trade Center yesterday.

I rise in support of this motion, as has practically every Member of this House today, to show the resolve of this body that we will finish what the terrorists began yesterday.

Make no mistake about it, the surprise attack that we had yesterday was the product of cowards, outlaws within a civilized world. Hijacking airplanes containing innocent men, women and children and crashing them into an office building at a time when large numbers of workers were present was the pathetic acts of insane minds, illegitimate by any standard.

Those responsible for this attack, especially those aiders and abettors, will feel the full power of the United States and justice will be done. If President, Congress, world leaders, and the American people in blanket condemnation of all involved in this ruthless conspiracy.

And as more facts develop and become known, we must recognize those in the airplanes, some known, such as Tom Burnett and others, some forever unknown, who tried to prevent
The United States will not stand for terrorism on its soil and we will join together to fight it. Terrorism's goal is to disrupt life and make people fearful. But fanatic acts of these extremists will fail as we continue on with our lives with even more resolve. Our great Nation will come together around this tragedy because our freedom, as said earlier by one of our leaders, our freedom is our strength, not our weakness.

Let me just echo what the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. Graham) said a few minutes ago about Pearl Harbor. When it was attacked, President Roosevelt said it was a day that would live in infamy. That generation of Americans, which can be argued was our greatest, rose to the occasion and a sleeping giant was awakened. Now we have yet another day that will forever be burned into the minds and hearts of Americans, and again a sleeping giant has been awakened.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Sanders), my good friend and distinguished colleague.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the State of Vermont, I rise and in the strongest possible terms condemn the unspeakable acts which were perpetrated yesterday by cowardly terrorists. I also wish to express my condolences for the thousands of families who are suffering tonight from their losses on the four planes that went down, the losses at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon.

Mr. Speaker, the goal of terrorism is to demoralize people and to create fear, uncertainty, and instability. Our Nation must not succumb to that and give terrorists that victory.

Tonight we grieve for the incredible and horrendous loss of life that we suffered yesterday. It is unprecedented in the more than 200-year history of our country. Tonight we also pledge to capture and punish all of those who are responsible for this despicable deed.

There is no difference of opinion on that issue in this Congress or in this country. Mr. Speaker, the world must know and will know that those who committed these unspeakable crimes will not get away with it.

As we go forward in this effort, we must also be calm and focused and be thinking long-term on how to defeat this terrible evil. We must also be thinking about how we can work better and more effectively with law-abiding people throughout this world, because terrorism is an international crisis, and it will be solved by decent people from one end of this world to the other working together.

Let me conclude by saying that we should also be extraordinarily proud and reassured by how people throughout our country and in my own State of Vermont are coming together, how they are giving billions of dollars in raising funds and how they are doing everything that they can to support the victims and their families. Let us go together and we will defeat international terrorism.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS), my good friend.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, as the smoke clears from the skies over New York City, Arlington, Virginia, and western Pennsylvania, we in Congress should not forget that we are a free society. Sweet freedom. We cannot abandon our ideals or wrap ourselves in a cocoon or isolate ourselves from a world because of this senseless destruction.

The resolution this evening condemns in the strongest possible terms the terrorists who tried to disrupt our country and to kill our innocent citizens.

Our government cannot permit its citizens to be attacked with impunity. We as elected officials have a responsibility to protect them just as we have protected them throughout the history of this grand Republic.

All of us have watched in horror the amount of destruction that has occurred. We commend the heroic action of the rescue workers, volunteers, State and local officials who responded to these tragic events with courage, determination, and skill. Our prayers are made for those who suffered and lost their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, we need to send a message to those engaged in terror that we will fight and not fold. We need to stand up to them. Our struggle will not be won in a day or a month or culminate with a single victory. Victory will require us to display courage, faith, unity and determination to carry on for an indefinite time in the face of this new gray war with faceless terrorists who pray a holy war to destroy the United States.

Towards that end, Mr. Speaker, I fully support House Joint Resolution 61 and look forward to supporting the President and other agencies of government as they seek to find the guilty parties.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as she may need to the gentleman from California (Ms. CARSON).

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from California for yielding me this time, an Indiana woman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON).

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I rise in strong support of this resolution.

September 11th was a difficult day for America. It was the day that we lost our innocence. The terrorist attacks touched every American—young and old, Democrat and Republican, urban and rural, and persons of every ethnic background. Beyond the death and destruction, we also are touched with despair.

Our children and grandchildren are asking, “Are we at war?” and “Will we be bombed, too?” From the ashes of our damaged symbols of military and economic strength, we must remember that we are a strong and great nation. With courage and determination, we will confront every difficult choice. For example, we must be vigilant to be victims of terrorism.

We must take the necessary precautions to safeguard our lives and American interests, but we must not relinquish our cherished freedoms.

We must identify and bring to justice those persons and organizations responsible for these tragic deeds, but we must act responsibly, consistently with our values, in conjunction with our friends and allies, and in accordance with international laws.

Let us draw closer together, as Americans, behind our President, and boldly face the challenges ahead. Let us honor those whose lives were tragically taken by these terrorist attacks, and those who lost their lives in rescue efforts to save lives. Let us also honor those many volunteers who have stepped forward in the midst of this crisis to offer their time and talents in rescue efforts, crisis counseling, blood drives and other activities.

Because of our people, our values and beliefs, we are a strong and resilient nation. We will recover and rebuild our broken lives, our buildings and our way of life. Let us pray that God’s grace and wisdom will guide us through the difficult days ahead.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON).

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from California for yielding me this time, an individual for whom I have the highest admiration and respect, and certainly, Mr. Speaker, with respect for those who are painfully and tragically affected by the terrorist assault against America the Beautiful.

Let me simply say amen to the eloquent, profound and pointed statements of all of the colleagues that have preceded me in supporting this resolution. President Abraham Lincoln reminds us that the world will witness note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what happened here.

The date, September 11, or 9–1–1, a day that the 911 system was perhaps...
used more in the aggregate than at any time since its inception; September 11, or 9-11, summons the brave, the selfless, the life preservers, if they could they would have heard it. It said that perhaps airport security will include eliminating curbside baggage service. We are checking around now to see how we best enhance airport security. Does the idea of no baggage curbside check-in really make sense? What happens to the well-being of the skyscrapers in an idea like that? They have long been a service and fixture at airports, as long as the airports have been there themselves.

Mr. Speaker, from time to time down through our history, our Nation has been tested. Certainly today our peaceful way of life is being tested again in a most cowardly fashion. So in the face of this great tragedy, it is time that we renew our prayers for peace around the world, rededicate ourselves to the work of citizenship, and sustain the quality and integrity of those who seek to serve us in the capacity of public service.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH), a member of the Committee on Agriculture as well as the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. Speaker, we have talked and dedicated ourselves to making sure that we identify and capture the perpetrators, that these atrocities cannot be tolerated in a free society, and that for the sake of not only America but for the rest of the world, we need to be very aggressive and dedicated in the effort that we are about to undertake.

Also, as chairman of the committee that oversees the Federal Fire Administration, I would like to take a moment to speak about the Nation’s first responders, the firefighters, the emergency medical personnel, the police who were first to arrive at the scene and certainly the last to leave such a scene in situations as happened at the Pentagon and in New York and also south of Pittsburgh.

As the Nation mourns the deaths of hundreds and probably many thousands of our fellow citizens, as we take stock of the destruction caused by yesterday’s terrorist attacks, we should also pause for a moment to reflect on the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day in every small town and suburb and every big city across the country. We have all been deeply moved by the tragic scenes at the Pentagon, Pennsylvania, and especially New York. But we can be proud that in a time of great peril, the Nation’s first responders answered the call, conducting themselves with bravery, with dedication that does credit to themselves, their city, and their country.

It has been reported that over 202 New York firefighters and 57 police officers may have perished at the World Trade Center, a tragic loss. Witnesses said that as they were running down the stairs to escape the burning building, firefighters running up those stairs to put out fires and to assist other people stuck on higher floors. Just imagine that for a moment. With fire and smoke all around, with a 110-story building buckling, thousands of New York firefighters ignored their own safety to help people they did not know but who were in great need of help, their help. Under such horrible conditions, who could have blamed them for abandoning the burning building? But instead of turning their backs on people in need, they faced the danger head-on because that is their job. We may never know how many lives they saved, but we do know that many people would not be alive today but for the bravery and sacrifice of these dedicated men and women. Their deaths cannot be in vain. We have an obligation to ensure that they get the support they need, God forbid, should they be called on again to deal with a terrorist attack.

They represent the very best of America, and our Nation owes them and their families a debt of profound gratitude. We in this House and across America mourn for these heroes and we pray for their families.

We cannot bring them back but we can promise their loved-ones this: The terrorists who were responsible for these depraved acts will pay for them. They can run, but they cannot hide. And they will pay.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to my neighbor, good friend, and distinguished colleague, the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Mrs. MINK).

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight overwhelmed by indescribable grief and sorrow. A taking of any innocent life is an atrocity. A taking of hundreds is a massacre of monumental proportions. Yesterday, a massacre of unthinkable numbers occurred. The World Trade Center and the Pentagon were deliberate targets of fanatics. These terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes. They slammed three of these planes into these buildings, knowing the mayhem and chaos that this destruction would cause.

As a Nation, we are left emotionally speechless at the loss of so many innocent lives. We are numbed by the number of firefighters, police, and these volunteers who plunged into the burning buildings to save lives and who lost their lives in the process. We are stunned by the courage of those who called from the airplanes. A call from the pilote, a last word whispered in the fields near Pittsburgh may have been the fourth suicide plane headed to the Capitol.

We may not have been in New York City or anywhere near the Pentagon, but all who witnessed these attacks on television knew then we were living in a terrible new world.

Our resolve today is to root out the perpetrators of this heinous plot to destroy us. We must explore all avenues to make sure that this can never happen again. We must not surrender until this country is made safe again for our children and for their families.

Every place in America has lost loved ones in this national tragedy. No community is immune to this loss. I am advised that four Hawaii residents may be among the casualty lists. One is listed missing in the rubble of the World Trade Center, the other three in airplanes in which they were passengers on the way to the West Coast. I cannot reveal their names, as I am advised that not all the families have yet been notified. My heart goes out to all the lost loved ones throughout the country in this national nightmare.

The human toll will undoubtedly mount over the next few days, and our lives will be forever changed. Today we mourn those lives that were lost in this diabolical act of vengeance against our way of life. So long as we continue to stand for freedom and democracy, these enemies will not succeed.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, ruthless, cowardly, insensitive, uncaring, evil, wicked, fanatical; words cannot describe the events of yesterday. I spoke at a judicial conference at the Supreme Court yesterday morning. Just prior to my speech, the Chief Justice handed me a note indicating that the Pentagon had been attacked and was then afire. I knew then that life in the United States had been drastically altered.

Sandy Bradsaw, a 38-year-old flight attendant who resided in North Carolina’s Sixth Congressional District, walked on the United Flight 93 yesterday to work her shift. Thousands of other Americans reported to their respective jobs yesterday as well. Neither Sandy, Mr. Speaker, nor many of these other thousands will ever report for work again. Their lives were snuffed out yesterday. These losses will not happen in vain.

These ruthless criminals will be identified and duly punished.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to all who suffered losses yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, these thugs who yesterday inflicted this pain upon us, concluding that we would not respond to
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From Western Europe:
I cannot find the words to describe our feelings about what happened in NY and Washington. Our thoughts are with you and all American people.
While obviously it's difficult to go forward together, it's the only way!
Hope that none of your relatives/friends will be amongst the victims.
Warm regards.
ROOS & GERARD.

From Canada:

AMERICA: THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts.

Some of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States. When France was in danger of collapsing in 1936, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted at the the streets of Paris. I was there, I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries to help. This summer America was the only place that was flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped. The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Where newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is FLOATING OVER THE EROSION OF THE UNITED STATES DOLLAR BUILD ITS OWN AIRPLANE. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10?

If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technology, and you get radios. You talk about German technology, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technology, and you find men on the moon—not once, but several times—and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and branded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans race to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm sure with a few simple adjustments, I would be happy to help out with the development and installation of such a life-saving device.

Thank you.

Joseph A. Pouty
Toledo Air National Guard.

From a constituent who e-mailed us:

DEAR MARCY. Some thoughts about what may be some of the gifts of this tragedy. I am grateful for the heart you have always brought to your leadership.

Please lead us in a new way. Find the power in collaboration. Power to create

these acts, they counted on our not responding. I say to them tonight, do not count on it.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2½ minutes to my good friend, the distinguished gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR).

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I thank our able leaders, the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), and rise in strong support of this bipartisan resolution condemning yesterday's reprehensible acts of terrorism perpetrated against the people of the United States and freedom-loving people everywhere.

Americans stand united in our firm resolve to seek out those responsible for this carnage and to bring them to justice before the entire international community. Our resoluteness, our valor, their order, and their dignity in face of this overwhelming tragedy shines to the whole world. Across America, our people are helping one another, honoring the dead, healing the injured, donating blood, picking up the wreckage and building for a new day.

Across our world, words of encouragement pour into our Capitol. Tonight I wish to read some of these words into the record.

FROM RUSSIA:

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN: All of us in Russia, just as the same throughout the world, express our deepest condolences over the terrible losses suffered in the United States. We believe that this tragedy affects us all. We share the pain of the lost lives and know that we must unite our efforts to do everything in our power for this to never happen again. We should forget about all our differences, and focus together on the critical issues that need to be resolved in the world today. Our prayers are with you—Andrei BISHOP STANISLAW SHYROKORADIUK,

Vicar General, Bishop Stanislaw Szyrokoraduk
The Roman Catholic Vicar General of Ukraine.

From Ukraine’s Roman Catholic Vicar General, Bishop Stanislaw Szyrokoraduk:

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN KAPTUR: I would like to present to You and through You—to all American people—our condolences because of the terrible tragedy that has struck the whole world.

We have been very shaken to know about a series of acts of terrorism that happened in the United States of America yesterday.

It has been an awful blow by its cruelty and scale that struck not only USA but all humanity. I received this notice during spiritual retreats in our Higher Spiritual Seminary in Vorzel, where all priests of our Diocese came. As a sign of our unity and sympathy in your grief we celebrated Holy Mass for the souls of the departed and prayed for all victims. May the Lord strengthen them by His grace that they may outlive this horrible disaster.

In all our churches there are Divine Services and prayers said for the souls of the departed and for all those who have suffered.

These days our hearts and our prayers are with your people.

Sincerely yours,

BISHOP STANISLAW SHYROKORADIUK,
The Roman Catholic Vicar General of Ukraine.

From an elderly and disabled constituent from our district:

She can't give blood or send money, but has been trying to think what she could do in this situation. It came to her that everybody should fly their flag. It's a visible sign of our support of our nation and the perseverance of the citizens. Also all the tv and radio stations could be asked to play the national anthem once all at the same time.

She's asking Marcy to "get the word out" so people could be asked to do this. May we?

From Arab-American Muslims in my community, the strong resolution of condemnation that no political cause could ever be assisted by such immoral acts:

WE DENOUNCE THE ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON

We strongly condemn this morning's plane attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and express deep sorrow for Americans that were injured and killed. We send our condolences to the cowardly terrorist attack. There is no cause that justifies this type of an immoral and inhuman act that has affected so many innocent American lives. We also support the investigation in order to track down the people responsible for this tragic act of terrorism.

Arab American Muslims utterly condemn what are apparently vicious and cowardly acts of terrorism against innocent civilians. We join with all Americans in calling for the swift apprehension and punishment of the perpetrators. No Political cause could ever be assisted by such immoral acts."

RUSSEL H. SHOUSHIER.

From a Technical Sergeant at our Toledo Air National Guard, who suggests new safety technologies on airplanes using Internet video surveillance:

In light of today's unfortunate events, I would like to present a logical solution to help prevent future catastrophes involving hijackings. An Internet video surveillance system. The equipment to record movement and post the video to the internet is already available from http://www.x10.com/, and x10.com has been delivering affordable Internet tools since 1997.

I'm sure with a few simple adjustments, and an FCC pipe to the internet a plane could be equipped with the same surveillance system as a house. The system could continually post updates to the internet where the video could be monitored for the safety of the passengers and people on the ground. This would be a deterrent for future attacks. It would give passengers some peace of mind. And it would give us the opportunity to strike back and bring a commercial plane down before it was close enough to crash into a building that thousands of people were working in.

I would be happy to help out with the development and installation of such a life-saving device.

Thank you.

Joseph A. Pouty
Toledo Air National Guard.
They have recognized that we have a justified reluctance in waging war while still having difficulty identifying specific nations or even groups of terrorists for that matter. Let’s determine what to make in declaration of war.

Mr. Speaker, I urge approval of a declaration of war, granting our commander in chief his constitutional ability to prosecute a total war, not unlike the 7th Congress had to deal with in the fight against the terror of the Barbary pirates.

Mr. Speaker, we have been attacked. We are at war, and we just lost a battle. Let us move this debate to the level necessary to defend our country. I urge every Member to vote for this resolution and rapidly move to the real debate to protect America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield the next 2 minutes to my good friend, the distinguished gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER).

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday this nation, our citizens and really the entire civilized world witnessed what is arguably the most barbaric action against humankind on this Earth since the dawn of civilization, save maybe the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, I think if anyone has been listening for the last 6 hours or so has any doubt that this Congress, speaking on behalf of our constituents, has the total and complete resolve of them, our constituents, and this Nation, to take whatever action is necessary to revenge and to stamp out terrorism where it exists anywhere in the world, they must be reassured by what they have heard.

I want to join in expressing my profound sorrow for those who lost their lives, their families, and all of the innocent people who were used as instruments of evil yesterday. I would just simply say that the resolve of this Congress and what the President said last night should send a clear and unmistakable signal all around the world that, yes, this country was changed yesterday, and, yes, the world was changed.

And the way it was changed, as one of the speakers before said, is that no longer will countries who harbor these terrorist organizations be able to say, we did not have anything to do with it. We will be held accountable. We will be punished. We who do not do as we say will be punished.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT).

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT).
a distinguished member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, as we think of the most important things tonight, we think of prayer and we think of the people of this Nation. Prayer is sometimes spoken of as a thing of last resort, but is actually expressed by everyone, in a crisis.
will assist the Party that has been attacked by taking such action as it deems necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be required as a consequence of these acts of barbarism.”

Many of our colleagues stood up and said we stand tall. We do. But we also do not stand alone. Our NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. Accordingly, the United States’ NATO allies stand ready to provide the assistance that may be deemed necessary. 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Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution. Our American family has faced an assault on its way of life. Our freedom has come under attack. We are still in the early stages of understanding the violence and the barbarism brought against our country. And we are bound to those who offer them assistance and love for family members and loved ones who have been injured or lost, those who seek cheering words and comfort to their families, friends, colleagues, and all those affected by this tragedy.

Acts of war have been committed against innocent men, women, and children going about the daily business of living, our most cherished ideals when blinded by rage. We are resolute in our stance that we do not embrace: the abandonment of our most cherished ideals when blinded by rage.

Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher said it best last night: "We must learn from the past to make sure that we do not repeat the injustices visited upon one ethnic group in 1941." I pray we bring those responsible to justice, and that we do so justly, in a manner unclouded by hate or racial prejudice. That is the foundation of our democracy.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS), the chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues to offer my prayers to families of the victims, those that have been injured or lost, those who seek bravery to find life among the rubble.

I join with my colleagues in strong support of this resolution. All four flights yesterday were bound for my home State of California. Many families in the San Francisco area are still waiting for family members and loved ones who will never return.

In their memory, I am proud to stand today with all of my colleagues to inform the enemies of the United States that they may have shaken the foundations of our buildings, but they will never, they will never shake the foundation of our democracy. The unwavering strength of our democracy can be found in our people and in our beliefs and in the enduring ideal of our Republic that states "All men are created equal."

Mr. Speaker, many have likened yesterday's attacks to the surprise attack made upon Pearl Harbor in 1941. When I saw the images of upturned cars in compassion in the streets of New York and at the Pentagon, I firmly believe that we as Americans have lived up to the lineage of valor from that fateful day.

I firmly believe that we will find those responsible, and that the fullest measure of our justice will be meted out. There is one legacy I pray that we
In this context, it is imperative that those responsible for heinous acts be held accountable at the bar of justice. Likewise, it is critical that any response be fair as well as firm so that an action-reaction cycle is not precipitated.

Force is justified against terrorists and their harbingers, not Islam or innocents. I stress this point because from an American perspective, terrorism is the enemy. We respect Islam and Islamic nations. The only brief we hold is against parties that manipulate hatred and employ tactics of terror.

Civilized values, whether of the East or of the West, are rooted in just behavior and fundamentals of faith. Accordingly, at this traumatic juncture, the U.S. has an obligation to emphasize our identity with those individuals of faith who derive their values from the Koran, as well as the Old and New Testament.

The barbarous acts precipitated in New York and Washington are more crimes against civilization and humanity than attacks on the United States as a Nation. Hence, as we seek accountability, we look for the support of faithful people and justice seekers of all societies in a war to eliminate the cowardice of terrorism.

The despicable acts of this past week do not put American security particularly at risk; it is civilization and civilized values which demand protection.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in support of the resolution.

Yesterday freedom's bell rang for thousands of civilian and military personnel as it has for over 200 years.

Mr. Speaker, on December 8, 1941, President Roosevelt and his message to Congress declared, "Yesterday, a date which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked." Likewise, we today declared that the date of September 11, 2001, will also live in infamy.

Yesterday's attack is in the order of magnitude beyond anything we have ever experienced in the history of the United States. As many as five to ten times more lives lost than at Pearl Harbor, lives of Americans from all walks of life.

At this tragic time, America must speak with one voice and support the President in his efforts to hold all of those responsible accountable for their actions.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who lost loved ones in this great tragedy.

Our Nation extends its greatest appreciation to rescue personnel who responded to this tragedy, especially those who risked or gave their lives in an effort to help others and those who will continue the grim work in the days and weeks to come.

May God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may require with the understanding that I will reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, there are no words to describe the anguish we and all Americans feel on this day. Our innocence has been stolen as we discover our vulnerability to the acts of zealous madmen.

President Bush reassured Americans last night that, while those who detest freedom may destroy brick and mortar and even take the lives of innocents, they cannot destroy the American spirit. We can take comfort and confidence in our national resolve and depend on it to help us overcome this temporary setback.

Clearly, we must gather the American spirit and rally around our Commander-in-Chief. We must support his efforts to make crystal clear the fact that the American people are united and resolute; that we will take a stand against attacks on our sovereignty; and that we will atone this grievous act.

I am sure the entire membership of this body joins me in supporting the President in the crisis and in praying to God for guidance.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 6 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SHADEG), a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. SHADEG. Mr. Speaker, on December 7, 1941, America was forthrightly challenged by a foe. A foe that came in marked planes and attacked military targets. They stood forward to defend themselves and their possessions. That was the Pearl Harbor attack.

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The survivors of this tragedy, the families who lost loved ones, deserve our thoughts and our prayers.

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Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, it is hard for us, as we have been in one of centers of the firestorm, to react emotionally as we have tried to deal with this issue with our country and our city.

We can see the pictures like other Americans. But last night, when I went home to my apartment and actually could look out the window and see the smoke from the Pentagon across the interconnection through the smoke from my apartment, it became a little more real.

Until the Republican Study Committee organized this first group of Members to go over this afternoon and we were standing there at the site, we thought that it is just a small measure of what they must feel in New York. The ability to thank our workers who are strained, who are stressed, who are now going to try to find the bodies, the dads and the moms and the brothers and the sisters of Americans who have been brutally assassinated by terrorists and to talk about how in their offices now they have the names and how they are targeting where they are going to go in and try to find them.

The building is still burning in some parts as they try to find the black box. The men were trying to figure out whether the structure was safe for them to go in. Yet, if they do not go in soon, they cannot get the black box out and this holds valuable information. So time is of the essence.

We wanted to personally thank, in our small way, those Americans so dedicated and make it clear to anybody around the world that this is a Nation of love but also a Nation that is angry.

This is a Nation that is very passionate and caring but also wants some answers and some results. Our heart goes out to them; and I thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SHADEGG), the leader of the Republican Study Committee, for organizing this because it was an experience that many of us will never forget.

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, as we stood outside of the building, witnessing the devastation, listening to the descriptions, the fact is that from the outside we can only see a part of what is going on. There is vastly more destruction inside the building as it is spread out and there are dead bodies there.

I was struck by the comment of one worker. He had been there when the plane went in the building. He had seen the building moments after its first impact.

He said to me his most difficult moment was not then and not when he was told perhaps there is a second plane en route and their lives were in danger. His toughest moment was when he went home last night and his 5-year-old asked him who would do this and why would they perpetrate such an act. Why would they bring down an airline, why would they seek to kill so many people.

It is incomprehensible when you see the death, when you see the devastation, and when you understand it. But make no mistake, our opponents need no further than the roof of this building. The American flag, the symbol of freedom, Old Glory was there yesterday. It is there today. It will be there tomorrow. We will not surrender until we have found them and we have exacted retribution.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN), my friend and distinguished colleague.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, we cannot yet grasp the impact of Tuesday's events on the future of American life. In Northern Virginia, our fear and anxiety are almost overwhelming. All of us know someone who works at the Pentagon. They are friends and neighbors, active in our schools and churches. In short, they are good people who have devoted their lives to the defense of freedom. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family of Pentagon employees. They have demonstrated once again the particular dangers to which our military and Federal civil servants are often subjected.

While thousands of innocent lives have been lost, this much is certain. The perpetrators of this horrible attack must not succeed in weakening the United States or its core values. We must not retreat from our legitimate role as the leader of the free world.

Where American interests are at stake or where the cause of freedom and democracy can be appropriately advanced, American foreign policy must be one of active engagement. American leadership in promoting peace and democracy will put the Nation at odds with terrorists and others bent on evil.

Tuesday's events, as horrible and as tragic as they are, do not mark the first time America has been targeted because its most basic values are correct. Fear of terrorists must not deter us from carrying on our policies just as we have for more than 200 years.

America must also stand firm, though, in its commitment to civil liberties for all of our people. In the coming months and years, all of us will have to make accommodations to heightened security at our airports, Federal buildings, and other large landmarks. We can and must make those accommodations and in a manner that is clearly consistent with the U.S. Constitution.

We will have to devote more of our national resources toward intelligence gathering and counterterrorism.

We must resist the dark temptation toward retribution. Let us not let the investigation of these attacks unfold. In the wake of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese-Americans were terribly mistreated by our government and many of our countrymen. I do not know where the current investigation will lead, but I do know that no religious or ethnic group that comprises our diverse society must be made to suffer solely because of their religion or ethnicity.

We will go after these terrorists, and we do so in concert with our allies around the world. Democrats and Republicans alike, we are all Americans in a common enterprise. We will not let this happen again.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE).

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in strong support of the resolution.

I just returned a couple of hours ago from a tour of the Pentagon. Two things struck me. First, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the response teams there who have risked their lives to save the lives of others.

Second, I would suggest that anyone who has a hard time with the President’s phrase that this is an act of war ought to visit that site. It is impossible to do so without coming away struggling for even stronger words to describe that act and that tragedy. This was an act of war, and we need to respond accordingly.

Now we live in a free society; and because we do, there are some things that we will never do, some risk that we are always willing to accept in order to live in a free society. But at the same time there are things that we need to do.

The first thing we need to do is to respond to this act of terror.

I was heartened by the President’s statement last night that he draws no distinction between those who committed these acts and those who harbor terrorism, those who assist terrorism. We should draw no distinction either, and I would urge this Congress to stand behind the President in this regard.

Seeing Americans all over the country and all around the world. Democrats and Republicans alike, we are all Americans in a common enterprise. We will not let this happen again.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN), my friend and valued colleague.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN), my friend and valued colleague.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding me time.

I rise today, like a lot of my colleagues, with a heavy heart for anyone who lost a family member yesterday’s tragic and cowardly attack. Yesterday was one of America’s darkest hours. Our thoughts and our prayers are with the families of the victims and those who were injured or killed yesterday and with all Americans who have suffered.

America is coming together and focusing on bringing the full weight of our Nation into recovery effort. We
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Our country has put aside the partisan squabbling, and we stand united behind our President to give him the resources he needs to seek out and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts.

We thank our allies and other leaders across the world for their expressions of support and sympathy; and working together, we can rid this planet of the terrorist menace that knows no boundaries, obeys no rules, respects no life.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is only a start, but it demonstrates our determination as a Nation to stand shoulder to shoulder united as one people, to bring justice to these attackers and normalize the disgraceful act.

My deepest sympathy to the families of these victims and those awaiting word on loved ones who cannot be accounted for. My appreciation to the rescue workers, the police, firefighters and medical personnel and volunteers who have risked their lives to help their brothers and sisters. These Americans and countless volunteers have again demonstrated the American spirit at this time of crisis.

To those military and Federal employees who were targets of the suicide bombers, they once again, as in Oklahoma City, have paid the supreme price for anger directed at our political system. They are heroes who will forever be remembered for the sacrifice they made for freedom. History will never forget their heroic sacrifice.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGovern), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution; but tonight I would like to take a moment to tell my colleagues about three women are now lost to all of us. Their talents, hopes and dreams lost forever.

Tara Shea Creamer lived in my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts. She was just 30 years old when she departed Boston on American Airlines Flight 11 which crashed into the World Trade Center.

Our friends, our neighbors, have all been affected, as I think has the whole world. The light of freedom has not been extinguished.

The new war against terrorism began yesterday, but the healing begins today. Our enemies hoped yesterday to weaken America, to hurt it, but they failed. America will come out of this horrible event stronger, more united, and more powerful than ever.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Northern Virginia (Mr. Tom Davis).

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of this resolution.

The event of yesterday, of course will leave a lasting impact in our community in Northern Virginia.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. Grucchi).

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise as so many do here this evening to speak about the atrocities that have happened with a very heavy heart. In my district there are men and women who work yesterday morning to work at the World Trade Center, and they never returned home. Their children have no mother or father, and their families will forever be touched. I ask why. Why does something like this happen? Was that a military installation that was targeted for attack? The answer is no. It was a building where men and women shopped and worked, and children from schools would go to ride the elevator to the top floor to look out over the horizon of the New York City skyline.

I ask myself did those people do something wrong. The answer is no, they did nothing wrong. Why? The answer is there is no answer to a question like that. When people are and bred to be evil as those who have perpetrated this crime against society have been, there is only one answer, and that answer is to eradicate that evil from our society so that freedom-loving people live with the liberties that we enjoy in this country, the same kinds of liberties that have brought many people
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through our gates and through the outstretched arms of the Statute of Liberty, to find a new home and to find a life in this country because we allow those freedoms of liberty to our people who live here.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday is not going to take that away. There was an attempt to rock the seat of government of this country, to take out our leaders and destroy our economics. All of those have failed. The only thing that has succeeded was the pain, the suffering, and the needless death of so many innocent people, the number of which is staggering, and may be as high as 20,000 to 30,000 people will be found to be the victims of that terrible ordeal.

Our hearts go out to the families, and the Federal Government is marshaling its resources to help in the recovery and to help in trying to find those who may still be that twisted,rible and that wreck of a building that was a landmark of this great Nation.

When that is completed, and as we continue to discuss this today, we will find those who are responsible and bring them to the swift justice that they deserve. No place on this planet; nowhere can they hide from what they did yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly support this resolution. The prayers of this house, the prayers of the world are with those families who have been touched in Washington and New York, and the families who are the victims of those plane crashes. God bless America and God bless those who are in pain and suffering tonight.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY).

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution before us.

Today, Americans the Nation over went to work with a unity and sense of purpose borne of the unspeakable tragedy we suffered as a country yesterday. We are all filled with a deep sense of loss for the thousands of innocent victims, their families and friends. We are all Americans in awe of the heroism we have seen by our police and our firefighters, as well as that from ordinary Americans who have risked or even given their lives in courageous efforts to help others.

Mr. Speaker, as Americans we all want to pitch in and help in the immediate recovery effort; and the long, slow lines of the Nation’s blood banks will bear witness.

As Americans, we also know that we are in a war with terrorists who seek to rob us of our way of life, just as they robbed us of our countrymen in their cowardly attacks of yesterday. They will not win their war against the people of the United States.

Our freedoms, liberties and collective strength of united American people represent a far more mighty force than these murderers could ever have imagined. We are applying that strength today in an urgent, focused effort to identify those responsible. And when we know who committed these terrible acts, we will render a fearsome punishment in response, not solely to account for the lives taken and the losses inflicted against us, but in defense of freedom for us and people around the world.

Despite the devastation and horrific loss of life wrought by yesterday’s attacks, the terrorists failed to achieve their objective. They have not even made a dent in the very source of American greatness: a strong, united people living freely in the greatest democracy the world has ever known.

In honor and loving memory to all who died and their families, we will not rest until this war these terrorists cowardly launched yesterday is won and won completely, and our country and the world made safer as a result.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution before us. Tuesday’s terrorist attacks were designed to create fear and chaos, but the real effect has been to pull us together. Through a systematic act of war, the terrorists have awakened a sleeping giant, and as a result they will discover how effective we can be now that we are sufficiently united and motivated.

Mr. Speaker, our friends in the British Parliament and German Bundestag have made it clear to me that they regard yesterday’s attack as an attack against civilization, not just against the United States; and I believe that attitude is shared by most people around the world. Most of the world’s governments will cooperate with us in a spirit of resolute solidarity as we develop a strong, intelligent response.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES).

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, in addition to losing thousands and thousands of our fellow citizens, loved ones, parents, moms, brothers and sisters, we were attacked at three symbolic buildings, a financial center, a military center, and the government buildings, which Americans recognize, visit and study. The financial center, the World Trade Building, where wheelings and dealings that affect the entire globe take place, indeed the actions themselves, breaking the skyline of New York City, the economic beacon of the West. The Pentagon, where our strategists, our generals, get together, the wizards of what is best for national security. And Washington, D.C., the very center of the free government and representative democracy.

We were stunned in disbelief, confused in grasping the scope of the hatred behind such an act, and yesterday was a very low and sad day for the United States of America. But it was also a defining moment, because Americans, which are so often divided in philosophy and geography, by region, by politics, by race and by economics, we are now one. We are united in our patriotism, our resolve and our commitment to do whatever it takes, whatever it takes.

This United States Congress will get behind the proper government agencies, the FBI, the CIA, the military,
the Attorney General, we will give them the resources they need to identify and plan a strategy to retaliate.

And, Mr. Speaker, the citizens of the United States will get back on our airplanes. We will return to our workplaces. And we will resume our government in this great and free country, and this land of freedom will reign on and the bell will be heard all over the world.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) a valued member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the victims and the families, especially the firefighters and the police officers who gave their lives.

Mr. Speaker, no words can properly express the emotions we all feel regarding the attacks in New York and Washington. My deepest sympathies go to the families and friends of those Americans taken from us in this brutal, senseless manner.

Thousands of military, law enforcement, and rescue personnel are currently assisting the victims and piecing together the clues that will lead to the capture and appropriate punishment of the perpetrators of these horrendous acts. At this time of crisis in our nation, I urge all Americans to exercise patience and caution and to search for ways to help fellow citizens. I also urge my fellow Americans not to allow these unpardonable acts to diminish our shared faith in the United States or to compromise the values that make ours the freest country in the world. The celebrated resolve of the American people to overcome adversity must and will prevail. With the memory of those lost, America will persevere.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to my distinguished colleague and good friend, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. McCOLLUM).

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's terrorist attack was a crime against the American people and it was a crime against humanity. Calling this attack an act of war does not begin to accurately describe this barbaric attack.

Today, we stand with our President, the men and women of law enforcement, and with our Armed Forces as we dedicate our Nation to achieving swift and appropriate justice for the terrorists who carried out this heinous act.

Today, we have been inspired by the courage of Americans risking their lives to rescue and heal their neighbors. Today, we are comforted by America's prayers for the injured and grieving family and friends of those who will live in infamy. He described that day's attack upon Pearl Harbor as an unprompted and dastardly attack. I say to my colleagues here in Congress, and my fellow Americans watching us here on television, I find it hard to believe that the murder yesterday of thousands of peace-loving Americans rivals that evil which plunged our Nation into World War II some 60 years ago. And make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, yesterday's attack was nothing less than an act of war.

The terrorist forces against us would see us brought to our knees and see us shaking in terror. They would have us back away from the freedoms we hold dear. But they must be made to understand that those freedoms are the result of centuries of struggle. Nothing within the terrorists' power can daunt this great democracy and its resolve.

It was John F. Kennedy who said, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty. This much we pledge and more." The circumstances have changed since President Kennedy said these words. The sentiment has not. God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER), a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues and millions of Americans in their shock, sorrow and outrage at yesterday's horrific attack. I join with them, too, in the resolution to stand united against terror and against cowards that would attack innocent men, women and children, and against the fear that would overwhelm our liberty. We will recover. We will rebuild. And we will continue to stand proudly, a shining city on a hill, a target for man, but a beacon of hope to so many more.

To the thousands of victims of yesterday's attack, and their family and friends, we offer nothing less than the full support of the most powerful nation on earth. All of us share in this tragedy, and my heart and prayers go out to the friends and family of the victims, including the two employees of the Census Bureau's New York Regional Office. Words cannot soothe the pain of this loss, but I pray that it is some consolation, to those who grieve, that a day will come soon when this pain will be with us no more.

Already, the armies of compassion are mobilized. Amid yesterday's terrible destruction was also great heroism. Police, firemen, and rescue workers put themselves in grave danger in order to save the lives of others. Volunteers worked through the night. People lined up around the block and around the country to give blood. Yesterday was a call to action and America answered.

No one answered more readily than our Commander in Chief. President Bush's day began yesterday with a visit to Booker Elementary School in my congressional district in Sarasota, Florida. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) is right. The Task Force of American Airlines brought Mr. Bush to the school when we learned of the attack. We joined him aboard Air Force One to return to Washington. En route to Andrews Air Force Base, we received a credible suicide threat to Andrews Air Force One. Because of this threat, we were diverted to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. During the flight,
we met with President Bush and he updated us on this tragedy. My respect for him has only increased as a result of the experience. I witnessed a President fully informed, engaged, and resolute in easing the pain of the victims’ families and our Nation, as well as finding and punishing those responsible.

To those who committed this act of war and those who would stand with them or hide them or assist them in any way, I offer only scorn, defiance, and resolution.

Scorn, that small men with evil intent would think for a moment that a cowardly attack against innocent men, women and children would ever constitute any kind of victory. Defiance, that we will not allow fear to compromise our liberty or our way of life. And resolution, that those responsible will be found and brought to justice, along with any who would follow their example.

These people sought to visit terror upon our country but it is they who will live in fear, their nights spent in terror and their days spent in hiding, until justice is served.

Mr. Speaker, I join our President and our country in sorrow and resolution. Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, it was 187 years ago this very evening that in Baltimore, Maryland, at Fort McHenry, this Nation, this young Nation, won its second war of independence. It was the beginning of the end of the War of 1812. Francis Scott Key on this very evening 187 years ago witnessed a truly inspirational poem that became our National Anthem.

In that third verse, he wrote some words that are helpful for us this evening:

And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave.

We survived the attack by a hostile power and became the strongest Nation in the world, and we will survive this attack on our democratic principles, and we will grow even stronger.

Marylanders have once again shown their patriotism. Mr. Speaker, the calls to our office from doctors, from firefighters, from ordinary citizens offering their help has been heartwarming.

Let me just conclude by the words that were included on a page of one of our major papers in the editorial section, with his Lady Liberty still stands tall, shrouded in smoke, covered in dust and blood. She is crying, she is afraid, she is angry, but she will not yield.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Readiness.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I think first tonight about the quiet efforts of thousands of ordinary people yesterday who were called upon to do extraordinary things: the firefighters and EMS personnel who climbed up the stairs of the World Trade Center towers while thousands of their fellow citizens were going down.

Why did they do that, knowing full well that there was great danger? Because they could save people, strangers who were trapped inside. How many did they save we will never know. Those brave heroes are no longer here to tell us their stories. They perished, sadly, when the towers collapsed. Who will tell their story now? We have only the testimony of those they helped, those who did not make it out, and, of course, we have the thanks and prayers of a grateful Nation.

How about the workers at our airports who were called upon to land hundreds of planes all across America at airports large and small? They landed them all safely. That is a story that did not make the news. And the people in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, just folks who work a job day by day, just like the rest of us. They got up, went to work, kissed their spouse and their kids, and never came home. And of the passengers and crews of the four hijacked planes, innocent people just very, very much wanted to get to someplace, to get home. They were going to business meetings, family outings or vacations.

And so we ask as we take stock of our loss, what cowards could perpetrate such acts? Who would kill innocent people on such a massive scale? Dozens of our colleagues have said it correctly. We are at war. So let us today prepare for a war. A Declaration of War has been drafted. I will circulate it tomorrow for my colleagues to co-sponsor. We have a unique responsibility here in this House, for the Constitution, Article I, section 8, gives the Congress, and the Congress alone, the power to declare war, to raise and support armies, to provide and maintain a navy, and to make rules for the government and regulation of the Armed Forces. That is our job, my colleagues, our job alone.

Let us do our job, the most important function of the Federal Government, to provide for the common defense.

My friends, this war will not be won quickly, and it will not be won in a battle that takes place on the battlefield. It will require nothing less than a complete rethinking about what constitutes national security and intelligence.

So I ask my friends in good faith to join together to give our President the tools he needs to win the war and finish the job.

My friends, we will infiltrate and decimate the ranks of these terrorist groups. We will seek out and destroy their base camps and training grounds. We will punish their clients and host states. And we will eliminate their leaders once and for all. This must be our goal. Nothing less will do the job.

Let us give our families the security they deserve. Let us make our streets safe again. Let us send our enemies into retreat.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. WELDON) for yielding me this time.

Mr. FRANK of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the way that the people of New York City and Washington, D.C. and all across America have responded to these tragic events. As the details unfold, no doubt the number of casualties will be staggering, and we will have many questions to answer.

Our country is in a state of shock, but we are resolved to not let these groups alter our Nation’s livelihood. We will overcome this tragedy, and we will become a stronger Nation because of it.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday’s attacks were a threat, not only to our people, to our children, to our grandchildren, but to our freedom, and, indeed, the American way of life. Simply put, they were acts of cowardice that will not be tolerated.

Our response should be swift and strong, one that will send a message, loud and clear, to terrorists around the world: we will not allow this to become the kind of country where our children and grandchildren will always fear, a fear of terrorism.

Make no mistake about it, the President, the administration and this Congress will stand united as one America in our endeavor to root out, not only those who harbor and support such evil and inhumane acts of terror.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, this has been a long day, and somehow we knew last night that this nightmare would not go away when daybreak came this morning. This has been a long day, particularly for those families that have lost a loved one, and also for the emergency personnel, friends, and neighbors. This has been a long day for America, as we come to grips with this attack on America and the values that we hold so dearly.

I spoke earlier this afternoon with a family in my district whose son, Brad, worked on the 83rd floor of the World Trade Center. Their news was no news, no word, no good.

As we struggle with our grief and pray for those families, we are reminded that this is a country that stands for freedom and justice, and, yes, we will prevail. We stand here tonight united behind our Nation’s efforts to seek swift justice. We will find all the people who orchestrated and participated in this evil web. I have no doubts. These mass murderers, wherever they are, will be identified and, yes, justice will be served.

Tonight I participated, like thousands of Americans, in a prayer vigil, and I said a prayer for Brad. I asked for a miracle to save him and so many others like him.

I say to our fellow citizens across the country, thank you. Thank you for your prayers for us, for the leaders of this country, and the so many public servants. They are appreciated, and they help right the mayhem to lift us all.

Yes, we are united. We are the United States of America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN).

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America experienced tragedy. With the collapse of the World Trade Center and the penetration of the Pentagon by hijacked aircraft, thousands of Americans lost their lives. We all mourn, and we are all resolved to take new steps to secure again the safety of our country.

We Americans stand together now. As Americans, we will insist that these American deaths be accounted for and that American lives lost will not come without an extraordinarily high cost to those who are our enemies and those who help and support our enemy.

As we move ahead through each day, there is something that we must remember and take comfort in: a great nation defined by great people. That today are helping us put together the evidentiary pieces to identify our enemies.

We Americans, our heritage may be Irish, Chinese, German, Italian, and many more; we are Catholic, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Protestant, and more. It is important to remember that it is not how we look or how we dress or the religion we follow that distinguishes us as Americans. No, instead, it is our commitment to liberty, our dedication to the American beacon of liberty and the passion with which we love America.

Let us punish America’s enemies, but take care never to dishonor our country by blaming other loyal Americans merely because of their religion or ethnicity.

Mr. Speaker, our country will emerge stronger after enduring these attacks. Today, our hearts and prayers go out to those who are lost and to their families; and, as a diverse and united people, we pray together that God bless the United States of America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, President Kennedy once observed that there were two moments that the children of his generation would never forget, the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day that Franklin Roosevelt died.

Now it can be said that the two moments that my generation will never forget are the day President Kennedy was assassinated and yesterday’s murder of the innocents.

The visions from the hell that was visited upon us yesterday will remain in our memories for the rest of our lives. Among the most horrifying of those images is that of the second Boeing 767 crashing into the World Trade Center at 9:03 a.m.

When flight 175 took off from Boston with its 56 passengers and 7 flight attendants bound for Los Angeles, its pilot was my constituent, Victor Saracini. Before becoming a pilot for United, Mr. Saracini had served his nation as a Navy pilot. As all commercial pilots, he was responsible every day for the lives and the safety of others. I am certain that this Navy man did not relinquish his helm without a fight.

Mr. Saracini leaves behind a wife, Ellen, and two children, Kirsten and Brielle.

Today, it is our duty to remember and honor and grieve for all those who were torn from their families and from this life, even as we here who were ourselves targeted for destruction struggle to find some purpose in all this madness.

But tomorrow we must dedicate ourselves to the reality that civilization and freedom cannot exist side-by-side with deranged and vicious assassins. We owe it to our children and to the children of those whose lives were stolen today to rid the world of those who thirst only for our destruction.

As I stood on the steps of the Capitol last night, I thought of another dark hour in our history and the haunting words of Abraham Lincoln, who had said more than a century before and spoken these prophetic words: “With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Nation’s wounds; to care for him that has borne the battle; and for his widow, and his orphans; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.”

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STRICKLAND).

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in Southern Ohio, I want to express our condolences to all those who have suffered the tragedy of the last few hours.

Many years ago, a young missionary was murdered while working in the jungles of South Africa. Later, his parents found in his diary a message that is appropriate for us to contemplate today. The young man had written the following words: “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

All of us are mortal. We cannot determine the length of our lives or the circumstances of our deaths. That is true of us today as it was true of those innocent Americans who worked in the World Trade Center towers, and in the Pentagon, or were passengers in the hijacked airliners yesterday morning.

As the day unfolded, they had no way of knowing the sadistic and barbaric acts which would take their lives. They were innocent victims, and we mourn their deaths.

But we also mourn the deaths of those who freely gave their lives while trying to save others. We honor the firefighters, the police officers, and the citizen volunteers who unselfishly gave what they or none of us can forever keep. They gave their lives, and, in doing so, they have gained what they could never lose, and that is the everlasting honor, gratitude, and devotion of the American people.

Today I feel unspeakable rage for those who killed our people. But, even more strongly, I feel the sense of pride in the integrity and the goodness and the decency of our countrymen.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox), the distinguished chairman of our Policy Committee.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, the magnitude of this tragedy is still revealing itself. The bombings are over, but the
extent of the damage, the number of people killed, is still partially obscured to us. The death toll in a single day may eclipse the entire toll from the Korean War. That this war, waged by foreign enemies of the United States, happened on American soil, makes it unique in our modern history. That it happened on our city streets, that it targeted our national symbols, makes it all the more unbelievable.

But it is true, it happened. We are brought face to face with the grim reality that not only do a dangerous few of our fellow human beings hate America and what she stands for, but they are willing to kill all of us and themselves in order to vindicate that hate. These terrorist shock troopers did not know the names of the people they killed, they did not know the identities of the families they have destroyed forever, and they do not care. As General Norman Schwarzkopf said so pointedly yesterday, always, even during the Gulf War, the United States has taken extraordinary measures to avoid civilian casualties in its military operations. But these terrorists intentionally target innocent men, women, and children. That, he said, is the difference between these bastards and us. The totality of the states that harbor them do not hate any of us as individuals. They hate America; they hate our civilization. Now civilization must defend itself. We cannot bring back the wonderful people who perished yesterday, but we can honor their memory.

The Statue of Freedom atop this capitol stands as a beacon. It was placed there when our Nation was torn apart by the Civil War. That war shook the foundation of that building, but it did not undermine the foundations of our country. Let us honor the dead, the wounded, and the tens of thousands of the heroes who are bringing New York and Washington back to life. Let us defeat those who have declared war on America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Goss), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Intelligence.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, we all know what an arduous and shocking day yesterday was. Mr. Speaker, we are experiencing the kinds of grief and loss for the families of the victims, so many victims there were. CeeCee Lyles of Port Myers, Florida, in my district was a flight attendant on one of the United Airlines flights, number 93, one of the brave Americans who called her husband, reported the hijacking, and said good-bye. Imagine the terror of that.

Today I started my day as usual, walking to the Capitol office from my nearby home here, and there was the Capitol dome above us, rising beautifully, boldly, reassuringly, into a bright, blue sky and the strong sunshine of the morning today. I thank the Lord for keeping it safe, and the good Americans who worked to do that as well.

For a minute, it was like yesterday never happened; it was just all a bad dream. And then we all went to work. The images, the statistics, the reports, they are heart-wrenching.

What kind of people, if we can call them people, could think up and carry out such fanatical and diabolical atrocities against innocent human beings? How does hate grow so grotesquely and get channeled into such devastation? What type of murderous leaders would advocate these kinds of things?

Mr. Speaker, I say to my colleagues, this is the face of terrorism. It is un-speakably evil; and we, the United States of America, are confronted with it on behalf of our citizens. I have no doubt we shall prevail. We have professionals at work who will find those responsible; and they will protect us, as they have done so well. We have the capability to render harmless those who have done this; and we, I think, the resolve of the people in our land and the leadership of our land committed to this task.

There are so many Americans stepping forward in so many ways, doing wonderful things to provide relief, to tend to the families we have lost. They hate America; they do not care. As General Norman Schwarzkopf said so pointedly yesterday, always, even during the Gulf War, the United States has taken extraordinary measures to avoid civilian casualties in its military operations. But it is true, it happened. We are a country and a people of a deep and abiding faith. With that faith, we will face this tragedy as we have faced others before; and we will never let the actions of those who would foster and act out of hate poison our hearts; nor will we let these terrorists or any terrorists succeed in further inflicting their evil and their hate on us or the rest of the world.

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By any measure, yesterday's attack was a declaration of war on our country, on our shores, and we must act accordingly. In the coming days, our challenge is to aid and comfort the fallen friends while showing the world that America is absolutely unbowed. And then, after due diligence and without mercy, we must calmly and deliberately exact justice from the terrorists responsible, and each complicit government.

It will not be easy. "The times which future generations delight to recall are not those of ease and prosperity, but of adversity bravely borne." America has faced unimaginable adversity before, and we have borne it with one voice and one power.

If Members believe in justice, believe this: America's time will come, and those who celebrate terrorism will celebrate no more.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of House Joint Resolution 61, pursuant to the order of the House of earlier today, debate on the joint resolution be extended by 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and/or his designee and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to my dear friend and distinguished colleague, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman for yielding time to me.

As we pray for the September 11 victims and their families, let us remember only what we have to look forward to in Washington, D.C., like the 600,000 people who call the Nation's capital home. Many of us who serve in this House live here, too, and the rest of us spend as much time in the District as they do in their own districts.

The enemy knew well that the way to attack our country was to try to attack this city. If we shift course enough to learn how to safeguard the Nation's capital from the new terrorism, New York and the rest of the country will not be far behind.

Understand that this will require a radical reevaluation of security as we have known it. Just as important, it will require that we reconcile our security with our core identity as an open, democratic society.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JOHNSON).

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today we resume the process of
moving forward. All across our great land, people are crying out for justice. We as a Nation now know the horror and the terror that so many in the world face in their daily lives. The actions taken yesterday by a few without a doubt have the sanction of many.

Where is the return of good will that the United States so generously hands out? We, the United States of America, are the guardians of democracy and stability, of justice and of the sanctity of human life. Indeed, we have new fears that did not exist before. However, these fears have brought out a new, untapped, infinite reservoir of courage and strength never before witnessed in history.

Make no mistake, the perpetrators of this act of cowardice will be found. We are engaged in a declared war against a tyranny of historical proportions that has no face, bears no names, and yet has many followers. The battle we wage at this moment is a battle against a diseased and flawed philosophy that encourages the attack and the destruction of that which is good and right.

Any one person or multiple persons that would attack our Nation, the symbol of freedom for the world, is attacking the tenets of our liberty and a beacon of hope for the world.

As we move forward into the days to come, we must carefully use words such as “safety” and “order,” and we must be cautious when calling for actions that “need to be taken for the good of the people.” I encourage my colleagues to be wary of any suggested government action that would infringe upon our freedoms. Any encroachment of our civil liberties is a victory for the perpetrators of yesterday’s heinous crimes.

We must continually bear in mind the wise words of Benjamin Franklin when he had stated that “those who would sacrifice their essential liberty to seek a small portion of temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” Freedom is not our greatest liability, it is our greatest asset.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. NEAL).

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to join all who serve in this wonderful House on this occasion, both Democrat and Republican, in extending our sympathy to those who are married of possible terms the unimaginable and unprecedented terrorist attacks that took place at daybreak yesterday. Not even air should stand between the two political parties on this issue.

We all know the lyrics of that old song, “What a difference a day makes.” In what represents the most serious act of aggression on American soil in our Nation’s history, a nameless and faceless enemy launched an assault on the very foundation of our society.

For many Americans, the memory of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon will be the defining images of a lifetime. No words can truly express the feelings of shock, sorrow, and outrage that we all feel, and we are all in the process of mourning in our own way.

But soon we are going to desire answers to precisely what happened, why it happened, and how we will prevent it from happening again. That, too, is a natural response. But we also have to be patient, because we need and want our response to be right.

Americans have been challenged before, and we will meet this challenge as we have before. We are blessed as a people by having our values and beliefs written in our Constitution, a wellspring to which we repeatedly turn in times of trouble.

It is important to remember that this is the act of a small group, and these actions cannot be blamed on any ethnic group to which they belong. That is the foundation on which our Constitution rests, and it is not, even on this occasion, worth giving up.

It is clear to the world that we stand as a unified people, and this Congress will support the President as he undertakes actions against this enemy. All Congress will support these decisions on rebuilding the devastation we feel today morally and spiritually.

We support the determination of the American people to proceed with prosecuting those who are responsible for these actions. It is true now and it will be true as long as it takes to bring these people to justice.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL).

Mr. LA TURRETTE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, there are few new thoughts we can add at this hour of the evening about our reflected thoughts of the last 36 hours, but I do appreciate the fact that the House has made it available for every Member who wanted to offer a thought to do so.

Aside from an expression of sincere sympathy to all those who have lost a loved one, a prayer today for the souls of those who have died, and an expression of admiration and thanks to all of those who have struggled mightily to recover and rescue people they do not even know, I would hope that we might all take a moment to consider the facts that were presented by the previous gentleman who would commandeer four aircraft full of innocent people, including children, with the intent to propel them into buildings filled with thousands of other innocent people who did nothing more than show up to work on a Tuesday morning.

The terrorists, Mr. Speaker, are not people in the accepted understanding of the word, and the world will not be safe until they are blotted from the face of the Earth. I have every reason and hope to believe that this Congress is united in its commitment to provide the President of the United States with every resource necessary to search and recover the victims of this horrible tragedy and to search, discover, and destroy this blight upon the human race.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND).

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I too rise in support of this resolution and to offer condolences to the victims and their families of these terrorist acts.

Yesterday’s attack on New York and Washington was a monstrous and cowardly act against the entire United States and our people. It was well-organized and cold-blooded. The world watched as an army of heroes mobilized to help those in need at great risk and personal sacrifice.

From my home State of Wisconsin, I have heard from many who share a common sense of grief and an outpouring of support for the victims and their families. Millions are answering the call for blood donations. Once again, our Nation is demonstrating that we can rise to any challenge. We will not be defeated, and living in fear will not be an option.

The immediate task before us is to secure the safety of our citizens, both here at home, and against any future attacks; to care for those victims and their families. Then we must determine how this happened, who is responsible, and how we bring them to justice.

Justice will not be obtained overnight. I pray for the patience of the American people and for the patience of our President so that we may seek the truth and hold accountable those who are responsible. It is only through deliberate and thoughtful actions that justice is served and future attacks are prevented.

Yesterday, our age of innocence ended, just as it ended 60 years ago at Pearl Harbor. But unlike Pearl Harbor, we were not the aggressors. But like Pearl Harbor, they have awakened a sleeping giant.

In the shadow of this terrorist attack, we find ourselves at the dawn of a new era of warfare in the 21st century. Unprecedented and faceless, against a faceless enemy. We will recover from this, but we will never forget this. For those who mean us
harm, let there be no mistake that the United States and the rest of the civilized world will unite together to defeat them.

We have experienced this harsh reality as no nation should ever have to, and must work to prevent similar attacks both here and abroad. Toward this end, we will need to develop a new international alliance committed to identifying and rooting out terrorists groups before they have the chance to strike.

In closing, I pray for the victims and their families; and I pray for leadership in this country that is calm, deliberate, and just, in the midst of fear, anger and a thirst for revenge. In short, leadership worthy of the ideals and values that have made our country strong and just.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), a member of the Committee on Agriculture, and very importantly, with this debate, the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. Yesterday, our Nation suffered the most horrific act of terrorism the world has ever seen. Make no mistake about it, a hostile act of this magnitude should be viewed as an act of war against our Nation.

Like everyone here today, I am proud to be an American. I am proud of our Nation, and I am proud of the values and heritage which have made our Nation great.

Our main government was formed on the base principle that our Creator endowed us with the inalienable right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our government is charged with ensuring these freedoms and equal protection to us all.

Unfortunately, there is unspeakable evil alive and at work in our world and against these principles. That evil perpetrated the terrorist attacks against our Nation yesterday.

As we begin our new future, the world can be assured that Americans will respond to yesterday’s attacks on three important fronts.

First, we will make every effort to provide care for those who are injured and lend comfort to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Second, we will provide all necessary intelligence and military resources to find the criminals who orchestrated these attacks and all those who aided them in their effort.

Third, our government will use the full assets of our law enforcement and military resources to find the criminals who orchestrated these attacks and all those who aided them in their effort.

Once they are found, we will act swiftly and deliberately to punish the guilty and show the world that this type of treachery will not be tolerated.

Our country is the brightest light of freedom the world has ever known. The greatness of America emanates from our people, and as we have seen throughout our Nation’s history, our people respond to evil like yesterday’s acts of terrorism with great. May God bless, protect, and guide America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER).

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday America was assaulted by a carefully planned and executed campaign of terrorism. My deepest sympathies go to those who have been touched by this tragedy, the victims and their families, and they include victims and families from my district and my State of Massachusetts.

My heartfelt thanks go to the medical personnel, firefighters, policemen, first responders, and volunteers who have selflessly answered the call. We are forever indebted to those heroic rescue workers who have risked and given their lives in search of additional victims.

All of us pray that additional survivors will be rescued from the devastation, and we must be certain that all the needed resources are available to do that. But today we must also look toward the future. We must ensure the safety of our citizens, the primary goal of both military and civilian components of our government.

I support the actions already taken by the President to secure the Nation and provide disaster relief. We must mete out punishment for the perpetrators of this attack. Our response must be decisive but carefully calculated. One critical goal of American force and foreign policy must be to mobilize other nations to join together with us to crack down on terrorism with new determination. We must overhaul our airport security and surveillance procedures so yesterday’s disaster cannot happen again.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. GARY G. MILLER), a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Financial Services.

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of House Joint Resolution 61.

As the horrific series of events unfolded yesterday, I like most Americans watched in shock as the blatant, cowardly terrorist attacks in New York and Washington took the lives of thousands of our fellow citizens.

For far too long, we have stood on the sidelines while terrorist operations around the world originated weapons, trained their minions, and poisoned the face of the Earth with hate, death, and destruction. We have responded only to retaliate against actions taken directly upon our citizens and our interests.

While these actions have been warranted and severe, it has not been enough. Yesterday’s attack will be viewed as an act of war against America.

Today, we need to console those who have lost so much. We will grieve with our brethren who have lost husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, daughters, and sons. We will grieve the loss of our friends and our fellow citizens in the wake of this terrible, terrible tragedy.

However, we need to be firm in reminding our enemies, whomever they may be, that America remains strong, intact, and ready to respond. Do not mistake our grief and our tears as weakness or helplessness. In the coming days and weeks, the United States will again show the world that we are unwavering, and the strength of spirit that has made our Nation the greatest in history.

Today, I ask my fellow citizens to be patient. We will find those who have committed this heinous travesty. They will be brought to justice.

We must now take this opportunity to send a clear message to those who would question America’s unity and perseverance. Acts of terrorism will never go unpunished. America cannot be intimidated.

Finally, I ask everyone, each one of us, as American citizens to pray for these victims and for their families. Reach out. Offer what you can to help them as they grieve. Go that extra mile to ensure that those who have survived this trauma are able to rejoin us as a united people, and embrace that spirit that has for so long made America great.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to my good friend and distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS).

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, today I stand before you with a heavy heart in the wake of yesterday’s tragedy. Our prayers go out to the victims and their families, and we give special recognition and thanks to all the courageous personnel and volunteers who have sacrificed to save American lives.

In an attempt to heal the Nation during a tragic event of his time, President Lyndon Johnson said, “Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or to lose.” I say to the American people, we will win tomorrow.

As I stand in support of this resolution, I stand with my fellow Americans for our precious freedom, and I implore
Mr. Speaker, the entire world watched as this tragedy struck. Like most Americans, I was transfixed by the horrible drama unfolding on my television screen when, without any warning, the foundation of my building was rocked by the blast of the Pentagon only blocks away.

Yesterday's events shook the very heart and soul of our Nation, regardless of whether you were close enough to feel the impact or watching thousands of miles and a continent away. The rage and frustration Americans shared gave way to a clear understanding that our Nation was now at war, and this is a war like no other. Our enemy is invisible and consumed with hate, and the acts perpetrated against America are an assault on all civilized nations.

Yesterday, the people of California's 44th district lost one of our own. A gentle lady parishioner from Palm Springs, who gave selflessly to help others, lost her life at the hands of cowardly and despicable fiends. My prayers and thoughts are with her family and with the families and loved ones of all the victims of these heinous acts.

Before yesterday, our national security seemed a remote concern. National polls routinely registered very little concern for national security. Indeed, few outside of Washington paid much attention to terrorist acts that were quietly averted or was there much support for increased funding for intelligence or national security programs. That must, and will, change. Now, there can be no doubt that our first priority must be the security of our people.

Today, though shaken and muffled by the loss of so many of our fellow Americans cut down by senseless acts of violence, our will is strengthened and our purpose is very clear. We will hunt down and destroy these agents of evil and bring swift and terrible retribution to those who shelter them. Our Nation's resolve will stand and persist with the hopes and dreams of those yearning to live free. From the smoldering ashes of this devastation, a steely resolve has been forged. The bonds that bind these United States will not be broken and we will never ever forget.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in support of this very important resolution. Yesterday, we witnessed a tragedy too devastating to comprehend. Our hearts were broken as we watched the sanctity of the American workplace being attacked by faceless cowards in a senseless act of terrorism.

I say to those spineless scoundrels, America will not be intimidated. America will not be defeated. We will gather greater resolve. We will recapture our focus. We will renew our strength.

Throughout our Nation's history, Americans have always responded to adversity with singular commitment and boundless courage. Indeed, America was born out of adversity. So, today, we pray for every victim and every victim's family. Many lives were lost and now only our prayers can bring the devastated families peace.

We must acknowledge that yesterday's attack will change the way we go about our daily business here in this Nation. We must operate under a new, vigorous, and heightened sense of security and with continued courage and focus.

We will, Mr. Speaker, search out every cave, look under every rock and scrutinize every crevice on the face of the Earth until we find the cowardly perpetrators who attacked and killed the innocent of our Nation. At this time, let us stand closer and more unified against the evil forces that threaten not only our liberty but the liberty of freedom-loving people all around the world.

So, Mr. Speaker, tonight, to the American people, and to my colleagues in the Congress, I quote Proverbs 3:5–6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path." Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mrs. BONO).

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in support of this resolution that condems the terrorists who murdered our citizens in a planned act of war, extends our condolences to the families and friends of the victims in these attacks, commends the heroes who responded to the scenes of destruction, and supports the punishment of those directly responsible and their sponsors for these acts of war.

This is, indeed, a national day of unity and mourning. It is important that we stand here today, as representatives of the people in the People's House, and show our enemies we will not be bowed, that we are strong in our resolve and that we will respond. The hijacked planes attacked New York City and Washington, D.C., but the devastation was wrought from coast to coast. I learned today that one of my neighbors in Ventura County, California, lost her brother-in-law, who was a pilot on one of the doomed aircraft. She is one of thousands of Americans across this great land who mourn today. We owe it to the victims, their families and to all Americans to stand strong and united in our resolve to live in freedom and peace, to promote the same throughout the world, and to punish those who have declared war on our soil and those who protect and encourage them.

There will be justice.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution today.

The cowardly attack on innocent Americans yesterday is the worst assault on our country and our freedom in our Nation's history. I think we all feel this attack very personally, and we will all keep the victims and their families in our prayers.

As many have said, this was an attack on freedom itself, and we cannot allow the evil, cowardly terrorists responsible to win. We must take whatever actions, using all sources necessary to find the people responsible for this atrocity and bring them to justice, and we must also hold fully accountable any country or group which aided or harbored these terrorists in any way whatsoever.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we must take a new approach to fighting terrorism, a proactive, aggressive, and comprehensive approach. It is no longer sufficient to treat these terrorists as ordinary criminals, waiting for them to act and then attempting to apprehend them and convict them of crimes.

We know several large, sophisticated, determined terrorist organizations who have declared war against the United States and have demonstrated the ability and intent to carry out acts of terrorism against America, including yesterday's atrocities. These barbarians are worse than criminals. They are enemies in a war that they have launched unprovoked against the United States. It is time for this Congress, our Federal Government, our Nation to engage in this war against these organizations.
to find them, to destroy them, and to ensure that attacks like yesterday's never happen again.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Washington (Mr. BAIRD).

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding me the time.

My friends, yesterday the story was about terrorism, horrible acts, despicable acts conducted by a few crazed individuals who gave their lives to take the lives of others. But let the story tonight and tomorrow and the days to come be not about terrorism but about heroism, the heroism of hundreds who gave their lives to save the lives of others.

The firefighters who raced into that burning building knowing full well that it would likely collapse on them and take their lives. The police and rescue squads who raced to the scene in the hopes of saving people who were killed in the rubble. Passengers on that jet, who by their heroic acts may have saved the lives of the people in this building this evening and yesterday. The volunteers who raced to the scene to see if they could help in some way. The heroism of our Armed Forces, on alert even as we speak. The heroism of our staffs who came to work today knowing full well that they too are targets.

We are speaking tonight for those who lost their lives and cannot speak. We are also speaking for the hundreds of thousands of constituents we represent, but more than that, we are speaking for the oldest constitutional democratic republic on the history of this Earth; and we say to those who would attack this great Nation, who would attack our freedom, you will never succeed. You will never succeed.

Even if you had managed to destroy this majestic building and even if you had killed each and every one of us, others would rise in our place, others would lift our torch of liberty and defend our people and our freedoms. This Nation will persevere and the light of liberty will continue to burn brightly forever.

Let each American today and in the weeks to come fly the American flag proudly from their homes and their businesses and their cars and wherever else. Let us show the world America is united, that freedom will persevere, and that terrorism will never succeed.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER), a member of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding.

By noon on yesterday, I was thinking about a wonderful book I read many years ago by Alan Paton. It was entitled Cry the Beloved Country. On Tuesday we cried, too. We cried for different reasons than Alan Paton, but we too cried for our deceived country.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. BECERRA).

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as has my country, to pray for loved ones, to embrace our valiant rescuers, and to condemn the heinous and cowardly acts of abject terrorism that we witnessed yesterday. We, the American family, have lost fathers, mothers and sons, our brother the firefighter, our sister the police officer.

Mr. Speaker, Carolina, my wife and I, extend our sincere condolences to all who have suffered a loss, and our hearts and prayers are with those yet to be saved but for whom the candle of hope remains lit.

To Clarisa, Olivia, and Natalia, my three daughters, and to all of the children of America, how do we explain this barbaric act of terrorism? I will not try to make sense of it. That is not possible; but from my words and deeds, from the way our country prosecutes this unconscionable crime, I hope they will remember us as the country that this country lives and breathes its freedom and relentless search for justice. Perhaps then as our children grow older and wiser, they will be better prepared to preserve life and defend America's values.

Mr. Speaker, Godspeed to the heroes who rushed to the disaster to aid victims and, instead, became victims. Godspeed to the courageous and tireless rescuers who work as we speak, temper our sorrow with pride and redemption, strength our resolve.

And Godspeed, Mr. Speaker, to our government as one Nation, as an American family, for with us reside the power given by the people to vigorously prosecute this horrendous and unforgivable crime to its end. Justice, democracy, and the will of a freedom-loving people demand no less. Let us represent the people well.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL), a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today is a day of words, words of outrage at the unspeakable horrors of yesterday; but we know that words cannot provide the bond to heal those wounds; but by our words we extend our arms and embrace the injured and the families of the dead. Yes, today is a day of words; but tomorrow is a day of action.

Mr. Speaker, for those who committed these crimes, they do not even begin to know what they have unleashed. Perhaps they look at the United States and see us argue with each other over political or racial lines, and believe that we are weak and divided; but they are wrong. We are a large family that can fuss and fight, but we are still family.

Yesterday, terrorists came into our front yard and Interstate, and our children, our brother the firefighter, our sister the police officer. By that action, the terrorists shocked our conscience. But that shock is certainly turning
into a growing rage. Terrorists and those who aid and abet them around the world, they are about to learn that hell hath no fury like American anger.

Mr. Speaker, I propose that this Congress add a provision to every foreign operations appropriations bill that requires that any Nation or organization before they receive any penny of American money must be certified by the President that they have fully cooperated in apprehending these murderers, and that they have further cooperated in fighting terrorism around the world.

If this was done in the name of religion, do not mistake the fact that we call ourselves a Christian Nation as a signal of weakness. Perhaps we have followed the New Testament admonition of turning the other cheek in the past when terrorists have bombed our ships and when terrorists have visited our shores. But today we turn to the Old Testament and read the phrase, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

Mr. Speaker, since we are speaking in religious terms, let me close by saying to those Christians using an American religious phrase, you have hell to pay.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would advise the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) has 2 minutes remaining. The gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) has 2 minutes remaining.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. TIERNEY).

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I join Americans everywhere today and tonight, as well as my colleagues here, in expressing our sorrow and sympathy and condolences to every family and friend who has experienced a loss as a result of what went on in yesterday’s tragedies. And, unfortunately, there were those in my district who suffered loss, and my thoughts go out to all of them this evening.

Mr. Speaker, in the face of this trauma, the American character of resolve has shown itself. Untold numbers of citizens have participated in rescue and medical efforts while others have joined together to comfort victims and their families. Lives have been lost, but lines have been formed as people line up to give blood, and everywhere men and women, boys and girls reach out to help those who are hurt, and that effort will continue.

Congress and the President have pledged to work together; and they are going to work together to meet the challenges and work with essential agencies, and every effort will be made to further rescue, further medical treatments, to support victims and families of victims and to address the enhancement of our security throughout the United States, including terrorism directed at our civilian population. So now we have reached the point where all of our great rhetoric must be matched by actions. Many Members here this afternoon and evening have ended their speeches with the words “God bless America.” That is most assuredly appropriate, but I think we might also ask God for the wisdom collectively to know what is best for our country and then the resolve and courage to do it. We certainly must maintain the qualities and the expectations of the people we represent.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, owing to the unprecedented participation in today’s debate, we have had over 120 Republican Members who have participated and I am sure the number is similar on the side of the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS); and owing to the fact that the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMLEY), said every Member who wants to participate would be entitled to do so, I understand, if my information is correct, on the Democratic side there are approximately 12 more Members waiting to speak. We have four more as of now.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.J. Res. 61, pursuant to the order of House of earlier today, debate on the joint resolution be extended an additional 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman of the Committee on International Relations or his designee and the ranking minority member.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey? There was no objection.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA).

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution. You and I and our colleagues in both chambers of Congress in both parties, have reached the point where all of our groups cannot cow us. They must only serve to steel and solidify our resolve.

Innocent American men, women, and children in civilian airplanes were used and converted into the deadly missiles that destroyed thousands of people in our most important centers of military and economic enterprise. The terror of those moments cannot cow us. They must only serve to steel and solidify our resolve.

From the stretches of the Rio Grande to the reaches of the Great Lakes, from the shorelines in the Pacific to every skyscraper on our eastern shore, compassionate and disciplined American men and women will do what is necessary, search for our survivors in the towers, the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., care for our wounded, volunteer to donate blood, reach out and...
The quiet determination of American resolve will grow. The message and the action must be clear. America is a Nation of law, and the lawless terrorists behind this attack on our Nation must be punished and brought to their knees. America is a Nation of peace, but peace will be defended from those who make war. We have the intelligence, the technology and the will to pursue our enemies and put an end to their illusions of invulnerability. We will find them.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) who is a member of the Committee on Resources as well as the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. While the terrorists crashed their planes here on the East Coast, the emotional wreckage is strewn across our Nation. From New York City to Dallas, Oregon, families are grieving tonight over the loss of loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with those who were harmed or killed by this horrific but cowardly act of terrorism. They and their families have our deepest sympathies. Our prayers go to those brave men and women who even tonight are risking their lives to save the lives of others.

September 11 is indelibly scarred in the soul of our country as a day when terrorists who have no conscience, who have no decency, challenged our very freedom and independence. Those who challenge America and harm her citizens through acts of terrorism shall be hunted down and annihilated. Let the world know that those countries that give aid to those who harm Americans shall be responsible for the destruction of their homelands.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to my good friend and distinguished colleague, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER).

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I would like to paraphrase an editorial from Toronto that I think we really ought to hear. It was written by a man named Gordon Sinclair who is the voice that we always hear on a program called As It Happens.

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply proud, as a New Yorker, of the great strength and courage showed by the people of this city and state and their leaders. The mayor and other local leaders were on the scene, demonstrating that they would not submit to terror. The outpouring of support, volunteers, and donations from around the city, state, and nation are a testament to the fundamental generosity and greatness of spirit found in New Yorkers and, indeed, in all Americans.

If these terrorists believed that they could intimidate America with these despicable acts, they are very, very wrong. As Americans, we pride ourselves on being tough and resilient, even in defeat. These heinous crimes will only stiffen our resolve never to bend in the face of terrorist threats. We will find the people responsible for these crimes, and they will pay a heavy price.

As Members of Congress, we have returned to the Capitol today to conduct the business of the nation. We are hard at work, and we will get the job done. As a demonstration of solidarity, I have asked all of my constituents to fly the American flag. America shall not be bowed. We will stand strong before this act of unspeakable cowardice, and we shall prevail.

God bless America.

VOLUNTEERS PREPARE FOR N.Y.C.'S CALL

(Liz Foran and Greg Livadas)

While medical personnel and Red Cross volunteers prepared to travel to New York City to help at the World Trade Center, hundreds of other local people waited in line for up to eight hours yesterday to replenish "good supplies.

"If they figured they were going to need all the help they could get," said Irondequoit resident Carolyn McMahon, "they would not submit to terror. The outpouring of support, volunteers, and donations from around the city, state, and nation are a testament to the fundamental generosity and greatness of spirit found in New Yorkers and, indeed, in all Americans."
rescue and recovery, helping emergency services within the city or being involved in the operation of transporting some of the stable patients to hospitals in the area.

Rochester Fire Capt. Pete Rizzo, part of a statewide Urban Search and Rescue Team, left yesterday for New York City to assist officials there while area firefighters, medics, morticians and social workers readied teams.

"I'm a little bit apprehensive, but I'm really glad I can step in and help," said Michael Rood, director of the Salvation Army's William Booth Haven men's shelter and a social worker.

Rood and seven other Salvation Army social workers will travel to Syracuse for advanced training in anticipation of a call for help from New York.

Rochester Fire Capt. Daniel McBride said dozens of local firefighters are ready to help firefighters in New York City should there be the need.

"I would go down in a heartbeat," McBride said. "There's a tremendous need I hear throughout the greater area over 200 people unaccounted for. They've taken a big hit.

Those without specialized training found other ways to help—mainly by donating blood.

Area blood donations centers extended harvest hours until 10 p.m. yesterday and tonight.

Sybil Miller, spokes-women for the American Red Cross blood services for the New York-Penn Region, said about 1,000 pints of blood from the region, which includes Rochester, will be sent to New York City.

"We have earmarked half of our local supply to be sent to New York as soon as they say they need it," Miller said.

Officials at New York City's largest blood donation center said they could run out of O-negative blood by late yesterday. They had only 40 pints of O-negative left yesterday afternoon.

The need for blood may be just as great locally, as hospitals prepare for the possibility of receiving patients transferred from inundated New York City hospitals.

"I really don't know what to expect," said Monroe County health director Dr. Andrew Doniger, who expects to know more today.

Area hospitals have cleared beds and assessed their surgery schedules for the coming days in preparation, Doniger said. He added that the many hospitals downtown, and in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, would have to be overwhelmed first before upstate hospitals would be called in to help.

Area hospitals and the Medical Society of Monroe County have also assembled lists of physicians who would be willing to volunteer at hospitals in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KENNEDY), a member of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution. I know my colleagues and I will be pursuing carefully. We must guard against a rage that turns blind. We must direct our full fury toward the perpetrators of this great evil along with those who give them aid and comfort. But we must act with informed sympathy and with only the greatest sense of responsibility.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. I thank the gentleman for yielding time.

TO some, the operation faces its own challenge. We in our day met ours on Tuesday morning. Our ancestors looked squarely into the ugly face of Nazism and of communism. They knew that the future of all they held dear counted on them. They understood the stakes. They met the challenge bravely and prevailed, and the world is better for it. The "ism" that we must defeat is terrorism. We will bury our dead, we will comfort the wounded, we will rebuild those buildings. But if we fail to defeat this enemy, all of our building and rebuilding will be in vain.

The attacks against innocent Americans were acts of war. The souls of the victims cry out. They cry out a warning. If we fail to defeat terrorism, there will be more attacks, more victims. We must commit ourselves to a total war.

Clauschwitz said that the goal of any military encounter is to destroy the enemy's will to fight. This must be our goal. We must destroy their will to act and their agenda through terror. We must raise the price of practicing terror so high that generations to come will gag at the very thought.

There have been many times in our Nation's history when our adversaries have miscalculated the steady resolve in the American spirit. They miscalculated us now. The war that we must confront will not be easy. There will be dark days. We may not win every battle. But we will and we must wage the war with valor and with vigor. We must and with the grace of God, we will prevail.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my valued friend and distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BENTSEN).

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, like all the Members here and like all Americans, I was shocked and quite frankly stunned at the actions that occurred yesterday and at the video of the actions over and over again, it is just unbelievable that America and Americans could suffer this type of attack, this cruel, cowardly, and dastardly attack of terrorists.

As a young man, I spent some time in New York and I have been in and out of the World Trade Center more times than I can remember. I know some of those firms that are there. I do not think I know anybody who is working there or was working there. I hope I do not know anybody who was still there.

But it is unbelievable to me that this attack on America's power and prestige could have taken place. But what is also unbelievable is the response of the American people here at the Pentagon, the American people in New York, responding to it. The firefighters, the police, the people that went back into the buildings, the people who gave their lives who did not have to. The collateral damage was the American people. But the collateral damage was not and should not be the American ideal.

As we resolve to move forward and to show the terrorists, whoever they may be, that we will strike back, and that we will continue to prosper and to grow and be the greatest Nation in the history of the Earth, we must not lose the American ideal. That was preserved yesterday in the carnage that occurred by this cowardly, dastardly attack. We must resolve for today what we should not allow our fellow Americans who died yesterday to die in vain.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Science.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. I thank the gentleman for yielding time.
assault that took place just hours ago, but we will go on. Our people, and our democracy, are resilient. While America has many faces, she has but a single soul. We are a free people with a love of liberty and a history of generosity and compassion. We will join hands with other Americans and with those international allies who feel as we do about this hideous affront to the civilized world.

Edmund Burke said nearly 300 years ago, “When bad men combine, the good must associate. Else they will fall, one by one.”

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture, and Technology.

Mr. THUNE. I thank the gentleman for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution. The casualty numbers keep mounting in New York and at the Pentagon. I had the chance this evening to see, Mr. Speaker, up close the wreckage. Pictures really do not do it justice. They do not capture the destruction, because it is much more gripping in real life. Like many Americans, as I viewed the pictures from a distance on television, it was hard to fully capture the horror and the terror that befell people working in New York and at the Pentagon. Yet after seeing it up close, you cannot help but be struck by the realization that somebody’s father, somebody’s mother, somebody’s brother, somebody’s daughter is not coming home. I cannot comprehend the pain that these families will deal with.

So I say to the people of New York and the people of Virginia and Maryland and D.C., that the people of South Dakota grieve with you and support you. In past disasters, you have been there for us. We will be there for you, and we are praying for you.

The people of South Dakota stand with our President, President Bush, in protecting and defending American citizens and American freedoms. We are a people who deeply value freedom, and yesterday’s acts of terrorism were an assault on those freedoms. And war was not declared just on this Nation, but on the entire free world, because free nations cannot abide the companionship of the kind of hatred that prompted the murderous acts that we witnessed.

We will respond. And to the terrorists, those who prey on weakness, those terroristbullies who committed these acts, we will face you with strength. You can run, but you cannot hide. We will find you, and there will be a reckoning.

God bless America, and God bless the American people.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to my good friend the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK).

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, endless repetition is sometimes the bane of this place, but today and tonight it has served an important purpose. It demonstrates the resolve transcending every difference in our society, partisan, ideological, racial, regional, and religious, to demonstrate to the perpetrators of this monstrous act that they are terribly wrong in thinking that democracy is a source of weakness.

We are unanimous in our resolve to demonstrate to them and to anyone else who doubts it that democracy remains a source of great strength. We will do that by waging a just war on this murderous gang, and on any government that has been supportive of them. But we will do it in a way that will show not simply our physical superiority, but our moral superiority, because we will maintain a respect for innocent life that this gang showed no respect for.

We will do it by showing that, in a democracy, we decide our public policies by the deliberative process; and no effort to blackmail or terrorize us into changing what this country decides is in our best interests, domestically or internationally, is going to work. If anything, it will backfire. And we will do it by fully empowering our security forces, who did such a wonderful job yesterday in the face of terrible adversity, to defend ourselves internally and externally in a way that is both effective and fully consistent with our own democratic traditions.

Let me make explicit what a number of us have said: our fight, our war, is with the murderous fanatics who perpetrated this with all followers of the Islamic religion, it is not with people of Arab descent who live in this country or elsewhere.

We have the capacity as the greatest and strongest democracy in the history of the world to concentrate our resources in self-defense, both in the immediate sense against these murderers and in the future to protect ourselves in a way that will once again make people understand the strength of democracy.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD), a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, my eloquent colleagues have talked about this terrible act and what has been perpetrated on our soil and our people and the innocent casualties that are mounting every day. Our hearts go out to all families and to the emergency responders that have done their job and had the building come down around them and kill them. We have talked about this. We had a prayer vigil tonight. We have prayed about it.

Mr. Speaker, the time for talk and the time for prayer, however important, is behind us. Now is the time to act. We need to react to these terrorists with overwhelming force. We need them to understand that this can never happen again.

God bless the Americans that we have lost, and God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my good friend, the distinguished gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ROEMER).

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, our American revolutionary soldiers traipsed through the snow 225 years ago, and it was noted that their tracks could be found by the blood in the snow. Thomas Paine said, “These are the times that try men’s souls.”

September 11, 2001, tried our Nation’s soul. And just as the British underestimates those who committed those acts, these cold-blooded culprits have badly underestimated the United States’ steel resolve.

Last night, I went to the Pentagon; and at midnight, I looked up at our fortress where our military stays and saw a building collapsed like a marshmallow accordion by these terrorist acts.

I looked behind me and the only inspiration of that day occurred when I saw an army of Americans behind me, lit up by the lighting, people in the medical profession, excavators, FBI teams picking up small pieces of the airplane. That is what Lincoln talked about, the better angels of our nature.

But our history and legacy is not just about goodness and fairness; it is about force, and it is about justice. Quoting John Paul Jones, “We have not yet begun to fight.” When we identify these people, we will track them over hills and valleys and up mountain tops, and they will get their just due. You can count on it.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlwoman from Ohio (Ms. PEYCE).

Ms. PEYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the honorable chairman for yielding me time.

Today, first and foremost, our hearts go out to the victims and families affected by yesterday’s sad and shocking attacks. The stories of tragedy and the compelling stories of heroism that have begun to emerge from the smoke and the shattered buildings will forever be a part of this black day that has been burned into our national memory.

But let these days that follow be remembered not just for our sadness and tears, but for our national resolve. As a Nation, we must now pull together to overcome this vicious attempt to break our national spirit.
Those responsible for yesterday’s horrific events have seriously miscalculated the strength and resolve of Americans. Our sense of security may be threatened, our loved ones dear, but our unity is emboldened. Our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument, and no act of violence, no attack, however cruel or sharpened razors, can ever sever them. We will not be intimidated by these cowards.

We will remain committed until those responsible learn the steep cost of taking innocent lives, innocent American lives, on American soil. The flame of liberty remains bright and will continue to shine upon the world, casting deep into the dark shadows of violence, intolerance and extremism. There will be no corner on this Earth where the demons of September 11 will be safe from justice.

For now, we must go on with our daily lives, because to do otherwise would be giving into the evil behind these events. In our schools and offices, in our neighborhoods and churches, we must help our families, our friends and our neighbors begin the healing process.

I urge my fellow Americans to donate blood, to volunteer, to offer their prayers and their assistance to help those in need.

As America recovers, we will also pursue our attackers and fight on. Mr. Speaker, we are at war with the most vicious, most cowardly and most wicked enemy we have ever faced as a Nation. But America will not go gentle into that good night. For those we have lost and for the future of our Nation and the freedom we hold dear, we will strive, we will persevere, and we will prevail.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and valued colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK).

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time as I rise to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, when the President spoke last night, he spoke for all Americans when he said terrorist attacks can shake great buildings, but cannot shake the foundations of American democracy. We stand together, literally together, on the floor of this House, where the work of this great Nation continues. People across the Nation, people here in Congress, have lined up to give blood and to make other kinds of donations. We will show terrorists and those who would use terrorism that while you can strike at us, you cannot subdue the strength and spirit of this great country, a strength and spirit that lies within each of us.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST), the very distinguished chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. SMITH (of Texas). Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. BASS).

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the pending resolution.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST), the very distinguished chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, we pray for and extend our sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

We commend and celebrate those who are working day and night to serve the injured and the harmed. This is American resolve at its best, and it is this resolve that should shake the souls of those responsible for this act.

Yesterday, they hit us hard and they hurt us terribly. They watch as we pick up the pieces, as we bandage our wounds, and as we bury our dead. They joy in our pain, they relish in our losses.

And they made a big mistake, and they should get prepared, for they are about to feel our pain.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 10 minutes remaining, and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) has 1 minute remaining.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, will my good friend request additional time?

Mr. SMITH (of New Jersey). Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FERGUSON).

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, just moments ago, I arrived back here in Washington from my home State of New Jersey, where I spent the day visiting hospitals and Red Cross centers and, finally this evening, an interfaith prayer service in one of our most beautiful houses of worship.

While we will send a very clear message with our vote tonight in this House that the unbelievable and tragic and cowardly violence of the last 24 or 36 hours will not stand, Americans in New York and New Jersey and across this Nation have already begun to send that signal through their heroism, through their acts of bravery, through their selfless giving of their time and their energy, of their blood.

Americans across this Nation have already begun to send a very clear message, not only that we will go out and track down and punish the perpetrators of these heinous acts, but that we as a Nation will continue to stand in solidarity with one another, to make sure that we as a people, as human beings, will never let this stand. Not on our soil.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, we have no further requests for time, but I would just note to the membership that, again, pursuant to the majority leader’s statement that every Member who wants to speak on this vital issue will have that opportunity, my understanding is that the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) has six additional speakers, so I would like to again ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.J. Res. 61, pursuant to the order of the House of earlier today, debate on the joint resolution be extended for an additional 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear that we have no additional requests for time, and we intend on yielding back to expedite these proceedings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) for his courtesy.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD), my friend and neighbor and my distinguished colleague.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I rise today in strong support of this resolution. On behalf of my constituents in the 37th Congressional District in California, I offer condolences and prayers and support for the families and loved ones of New York and New Jersey, of the State of California, and across this Nation devastated by the wanton terrorism perpetrated on these United States of America. This cowardice act against our Nation is permanently etched in the memories of all Americans.

I think about my children, Ayanna, Myles, Ramia and Blair, I think about the psychological toll it has taken on our children who suffer from the ills of this heinous crime that is devastating. However, let it be known that the President and the Members of Congress who stand in this hallowed Chamber shoulder to shoulder will move with swift deliberation to bring justice and to restore confidence to the American people. Our buildings are shattered, but not our resolve, not our democracy.

Yet in the face of this unspeakable tragedy, we thank our firefighters, law enforcement officers, the Red Cross and medical personnel who turned out in droves to run to the aid of their fellow Americans. Our sense of security may be threatened, but our unity is emboldened. Our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument, and no act of violence, no act, however cruel or sharpened razors, can ever sever them.
We, the people of the world, they are saying, cherish the freedom and democracy for which America stands. We are the many, they are saying with us, the people, a response of unity with our fellow people, a response from the world community, and children, united and strong as lions rising after a slumber.

As a senior Member who serves on the House Subcommittee on Aviation, I pledge to the American people that I will work with the Secretary of Transportation and the FAA, with whom I have worked, to make sure that our travel is safe to fly again. We must applaud our air traffic controllers and the ground crew at airports across this Nation who directed over 2,200 flights from the hostile airways to safe harbors.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a tragic moment here in America. We will think back on September 11 as the deadliest assault on America in recent history, but we shall move with resolve to bring the responsible people to justice. We are a united America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JEFFERSON), my friend and valued colleague.

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, in the early 1800s, Percy Bysshe Shelley penned these words in exhorting a wounded people of his day: "Rise like lions after slumber in invanquishable number. Shake your chains to earth like dew which in sleep had fallen on you. Ye are many, they are few."

Mr. Speaker, when I reflect on the events of September 11, 2001, these words of this 19th century poet come to mind. Many Americans have lamented that the horrific terrorist acts of yesterday have changed America forever. I beg to differ. America has not changed. We have merely rediscovered and rekindled a resilience that defines us as no other people on Earth: our invanquishable spirit. The chains that we are shaking to Earth like the morning dew after slumber are the chains of complacency regarding our vulnerability toward terrorism. With this realization, there can be no doubt that we will defeat the evil that shook, but that did not shatter, our national spirit.

Mr. Speaker, my heart grieves for the victims of yesterday’s terrorist acts, for their families and loved ones. But, Mr. Speaker, amidst this palpable grief, I am comforted, as these families should be, by the fact that they now have an extended family of some 250 million fellow lion men, women and children, united and strong as lions rising after a slumber.

Finally, I am also heartened by the response from the world community, from virtually every nation and every people of unity with our Nation. This response further illustrates the truth of Shelley’s observations as expressed through his poetry.

Mr. Speaker, together, we will remain invanquishable. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS), my friend and colleague.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation was shocked by a despicable act of cowardice. Today, even as we grieve and pray for those killed, injured and missing, America will show the world that the American spirit cannot be broken by the acts of terrorists.

In times of threat and tragedy, the American family has always come together, and we do so again today. With strong faith and resolve, we are already working together to help the victims and their families, to punish the guilty, and to move our Nation forward.

Those who underestimated the American spirit should know that today our President and Congress are working in unity to carry out the business of our Nation and to hunt down the perpetrators of this attack against all of the American people.

Once again, American military personnel have sacrificed their lives and service to our Nation. May our country honor them and the courageous rescue workers and all who have died with our prayers, our unity, and our firm commitment to protect Americans’ freedom and security.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3¼ minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

I would like to just share three thoughts, most of which have already been shared this evening. My first is simply to express my heartfelt sympathy for the families of the victims of this mindless terrorism. May we each help you as you face the pain of your loss. May our prayers, our thoughts, our love and our resolve be with all of the people willing to give blood, letters from those who knew your sons and daughters, grandchildren, relatives, friends and coworkers, be of some small comfort to you for paying this terrible price of living in a free society in a troubled world.

Secondly, I want to say how proud I am to be an American, to witness our ability to rally, to help each other, to stand tall in the face of senseless, cowardly, vicious terrorism. To all of those policemen, firemen, volunteers, health care professionals, folks of all sorts who have come out to help to save lives, to rebuild, we are strong.

Thirdly, and hear this, our friends around the world, America is now at war. It is the first war ever fought against a non-nation entity, but it is war nonetheless, and again a well-organized, well-funded, focused enemy.

While its energies are focused against America now, terrorism is everyone’s concern. The weapons it is developing can be used by any terrorist group, against any object of one’s hate. So while it is terrorism against the United States today, its success strengthens the name of terrorism and will enable others to use this weapons against sponsoring nations in the future. Terrorism is not rational, is not just, is not honest; but it is passionate and powerful.

Differences between nation states can be reconciled. Diplomacy, U.N. peacekeeping forces, intervention by allies are all tools we have developed to help nations resolve differences peacefully, to preserve the lives, hopes and dreams of all of their people and the prosperity and the hope for the common good of all. These tools cannot be used against non-nation states. That is why they are the ultimate danger. Terrorism endangers us all, for it allows only one answer—violence.

So we are at war. It is a war we must win, and it is one all of our allies have an interest in joining us to win.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. BARRETT), my friend and colleague.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I stand tonight in prayer and sorrow, for the victims of this terrible, senseless attack, for the families, for the friends and coworkers, for the people I never knew, people like Nicole Miller, Tom Burnett, Cora Holland, Barbara Keating, John Jenkins, Amy King, to mention just a few.

I stand in sorrow for the families of people I never knew, people like Nicole Miller, Tom Burnett, Cora Holland, Barbara Keating, John Jenkins, Amy King, Patrick Quigley, Kenneth Lewis, Rodney Dickens, Mark Gingham, and hundreds, if not thousands, of others; all Americans who did not deserve to die in this wicked attack.

Mr. Speaker, I stand tonight in hope. Hope for the families who are still praying that their loved ones may miraculously be saved in the rubble in New York City; hope for Rodger King, Patrick Quigley, Kenneth Lewis, Rodney Dickens, Mark Gingham, and hundreds, if not thousands, of others; all Americans who did not deserve to die in this wicked attack.

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Mr. SCHAFFER. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the disunpunished. I will not allow this crime to go unpunished. I yield the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS). Also, Mr. Speaker, we also must pray for those perpetrators. They are about to meet their makers, too.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAFER).

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

What an awesome opportunity it has been, Mr. Speaker, for all of us to be a part of listening and observing the eloquence of the country propounded from these microphones by representatives from every State in the Nation, both parties, all races, religious beliefs, political viewpoints. This is the best of America, and it represents why America is the best country in the world, and it also suggests the reasons why perhaps America has been a target in the last 2 days.

America’s financial institutions are the best in the world because they are free. That is why they have perhaps been a target. Our airlines are the best in the world because they are free. That is why they have perhaps been a target. Our airlines are the best in the world because they are free. That is why they have perhaps been a target.

The sentiments expressed by people from around the country today suggest what it really means to be an American, these notions that God has given us the rights that have been enshrined in our Declaration of Independence 225 years ago by the most visionary leaders in the history of human civilization: this notion that God has given us the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Every American who revels in those joyous rights also knows the last line of that Declaration: that we must be prepared to pledge to ourselves and each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

All those who have contributed to the greatness of America have been willing to pledge those very elements for the greatness of their country. Some have given their lives. Some have lost their fortunes. But the sacred honor of America has never been stronger.

Mr. Speaker, we beg God for his mercy on the repose of the souls of those lives that have been lost, for those lives that are in peril today. Also, Mr. Speaker, we also must pray for those perpetrators. They are about to meet their makers, too.

Mr. Speaker, the greatness of America stands strong. Americans should hold their heads high and be proud. We are the greatest Nation on the planet, and we will be emboldened and empowered by this challenge and those challenges that lie before us.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. CLEMENT).

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), they both have given us a splendid opportunity tonight, and have given everyone an opportunity to speak from their soul and from their heart about this true tragedy that we have had in America.

I want to say to the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) over here, he is our only Holocaust survivor in the United States Congress, a true humanitarian. But he knows from another day and another time and another crisis that we cannot look the other way. We as Americans cannot look the other way either.

I remember when Jack Kennedy and Martin Luther King lost their lives in that terrible assassination. I knew where I was and I knew what I was doing. I will never forget the day, September 11, 2001, when I was watching television and thought just an accident had happened, that a plane had happened to hit one of the World Trade Center towers. And then what happened? Just 17 minutes later, the second tower was hit. Then we knew, the world knew, the United States knew, that we had terrorism on our hands.

Then I was driving to the U.S. Capitol, and I see all that smoke and all that debris, and all the debris from the Pentagon, and all the tragedy and all the loss of lives. We know that terrorism is systematic. We know that we are in a real battle. It is not going to be easy for any of us in order to bring this terrorism to a halt, because we know it is organized.

We know that they believe in hatred, they believe in negativism, and many of them have been programmed that way.

Support this resolution, support America, and let us continue to fight for freedom and democracy.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. OWENS). Mr. Speaker, this is a time for mourning. No one should be ashamed to cry. We are all united as one with the numerous victims of this attack on American civilians.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, this is a time for mourning and this is a time for rage. Very well-organized devils have done this ghastly deed. We are face to face with evil geniuses and cold-blooded murderers. They must be surgically exposed and then driven from the face of the Earth.

National security is now the business of every Member of Congress. My constituents do not want to hear me explain that I am not a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. They want to know how could this happen, and what is being done to guarantee that it never happens again.

The Intelligence Community that scored vital successes in the war against Nazi Germany and in the Cold War may now be woefully inadequate. In memory of all the dead and for the peace of mind of those who are living, the structuring of the world’s most effective intelligence network must now become the business of every American. The obliteration of this conglom- erate of evil is the duty of every American. I am pleased to join my colleagues in support of this resolution.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, this great country is a mighty democracy built on the hopes, dreams, and sacrifices of many hardworking people who throughout our history were determined to develop, live, and prosper in the world’s greatest Nation.

The history of this Nation is one of struggle, and yes, oftentimes disappointments, dashed hopes and dreams. But through it all we have persevered, worked hard, and sacrificed to make this Nation a great Nation. We have come a long way in the elimination of poverty, prejudices, and injustices. We are immensely proud of our successes, and we are confident enough in our freedom to confront our shortcomings.

We are a diverse Nation of many religious and political persuasions. We are an amazing patchwork of hopeful people who believe that we all have potential and we all deserve happiness and
success. We do not take lightly any attempts to dim our hopes, to dash our dreams, to destroy, maim, or kill. We deplore terrorism, and we will not and cannot tolerate terrorism and destruction. We will not allow terrorism to erode the constitutional rights and personal freedoms that define us as Americans.

I stand here today to reassure the citizens of New York, Washington, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Boston, New York, San Francisco, and other cities throughout the country that this legislative body will indeed work to ensure that the persons responsible for these acts of terrorism will be swiftly brought to justice.

We are a wise people who have transcended a history that has taught us that violence begets violence, and violence serves no useful purpose. The cowardly attacks on the New York Twin Towers Trade Building and the Pentagon, the hijacking of American and United Airlines airplanes, the death, pain, and destruction that has shaken the very core of our society, must be responded to immediately.

We will indeed identify and deal with the perpetrators. We are good people: not a perfect people, but we are good people. We do not deserve to have innocent Americans’ lives destroyed by evil minds that plot and plan sneak attacks on our establishments and our structures.

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of the harmed and the deceased. We grieve with them. Their losses are our losses, but we ask that they rest assured that our loved ones, their loved ones, will not have died in vain. We ask God to have mercy on their souls. We know we must take an honest assessment of all of our public policy at all levels, and strengthen our resolve for peace. We ask God to guide us in our response.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON). Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today we pray for the innocent victims who suffered and died in yesterday’s heinous and horrific terrorist attacks. We offer our sympathy and condolences.

We hark alongside the families and friends who lost loved ones in hijacked planes, the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and rescue workers who sacrificed themselves to save others. We praised the heroic efforts of the police, the firefighters, the emergency medical teams, and volunteers who responded to this tragedy.

Today Americans stand united, a unity that we must trust will strengthen our President with wisdom and good judgment. All Americans should continue to have hope, to give blood, to volunteer, to pray for peace in the world. America’s determination and indomitable spirit must not allow terrorists and terrorism to weaken our commitment to an open and democratic society.

We vow to fully, thoroughly, and immediately investigate those who are responsible for this dastardly and deadly deed. We are sure we must respond with strength and in a comprehensive and proportionate manner.

Yesterday was September 11, day 9-11, and we were sent an emergency wake-up call. It was not dialed accidentally, it was a deliberate message. Terrorists struck at our greatest symbols of financial power and military might.

We have a profound opportunity not only to investigate who and how this was done, but also, more importantly, why it was done. We may not be able to answer that question today. The pain, the hurt, the suffering, and the anger are too great. But maybe in our tomorrow, when we have the answer to why, then we will be better able to work toward the day when such tragedies will never happen again.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO). Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday terrorists unleashed a highly organized attack on the symbols of our Nation’s prosperity and power. In an instant, this tragic attack destroyed the lives of many Americans.

Yesterday morning, countless numbers of ordinary people in my city and in Washington woke up on a beautiful late summer day and went about their lives as they always have. Lawyers and accountants, janitors and clerks arrived at their places of work to start another ordinary day. But the events that soon consumed us all changed that forever. We never expected this to happen on our soil, and in a profound sense we have lost some of our innocence.

How can I begin to verbalize my sorrow over the deaths of so many wonderful people, individuals whose lives touched others deeply in an endless interconnected fabric? These individuals each had unique stories, friends and families who loved them and depended on them. In an instant, husbands lost wives, children lost parents and siblings lost brothers and sisters. This is heartbreaking.

The perpetrators of these acts intended to create fear and to bring our society shuddering to its knees. But they have failed. Today, as we begin the process of clearing the rubble and rebuilding, we are more united and more dedicated to our core beliefs of liberty and democracy. Yesterday, I was in New York City and it is hard to express in words the devastation that this cowardly act has brought to our city. The people of New York City, and the people of our nation, have responded with generosity, courage, and patriotism. During this time of great sadness, we as a Nation are witnessing the spirit of hope.

Let there be no misunderstanding, the American people will not let this terrible act diminish our spirit or force us into fear. As I left New York City this morning on my way to join this important discussion and express my support for this resolution, I was startled to see the skyline of my city with two great towers standing above all others. In their space, I only saw a cloud of smoke rising up to the sky.

Yet, even without those towers watching over my city, we will continue to embrace our freedom and live out our principles of democracy. Those faceless terrorists may think that they have won a great battle, but they have only made our country more dedicated to its core principles and determined to defend those principles against any threat.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute just to close.

In my 21 years as a Member of this House, I have never seen such an unprecedented outpouring of unity and solidarity with our fellow Americans as has been expressed by my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. This has been an extraordinary debate, a bipartisan expression of our very deep concern and anguish over the horrific loss of human life and an irrevocable resolve to effectively prosecute the war on terrorism.

It has all been said, Mr. Speaker, today and into this evening.

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, we all search for words of wisdom that will heal these wounds. Yet, there are few poets who could pen the phrases we long to hear. And, certainly, I do not presume to possess the vocabulary to put this tragedy in its proper perspective.

I simply rise to say the following. And I say it with confidence: At this moment, all Americans—regardless of our backgrounds, regardless of our political affiliations, and regardless of the languages we speak—all of us speak with one voice.

As this resolution demonstrates, all of us speak with one voice—in expressing immense appreciation and awe for the emergency personnel who answered the call of duty; many of whom did not return.

One voice expresses anger and outrage. One voice asks: “What can we do to help?” And one voice expresses full, complete and unwavering support for our military and for our commander-in-chief.

I support this resolution, above all, for the spirit of unity that it embodies.

As these events have demonstrated, none of us can predict what tomorrow or the next day will bring.

Yet, Americans can—by uniting, and speaking with one voice in mourning our fellow Americans as has been expressed by my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. This has been an extraordinary debate, a bipartisan expression of our very deep concern and anguish over the horrific loss of human life and an irrevocable resolve to effectively prosecute the war on terrorism.

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Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001 is a day that each of us will remember as long as we live. That day and the terrorist acts committed against the United States must always remain a part of the price we pay for our freedom. Our hearts and prayers go out to the thousands of families whose lives have been shattered by the unspeakable horror that we have all witnessed. We can and will rebuild the structures that have been destroyed. We will never restore the lives that were lost in this tragedy. As a country and as a nation we have a solemn obligation not to rest until those guilty of these murderous acts are brought to justice. May God have mercy on those who have committed these crimes against us and may God have mercy on the United States.

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, joining with my colleagues, I come to the floor with a heavy heart to express my deepest sympathies for the victims and family members of yesterday’s horrific events in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. We have them all, including those from my congressional district, in our prayers.

The Congress is prepared to assist all federal, state, and local agencies in any way that it can. The victims and families come first in our concerns.

I also want to assure all Americans that we will find those responsible for these cowardly acts and make sure that they are punished. This type of attack on America and its people will not stand.

If those responsible think that they can shake the foundation of the American spirit, freedom, and democracy, I have a message for them. You have never been more wrong.

The foundation of liberty and freedom that America is built upon is unshakable.

Finally, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, I along with my committee colleagues will do everything in our power to provide the necessary resources to prevent anything like this from happening again.

There is much work to be done as we mark the days and months ahead, but America will rise to the challenges as it always has throughout its history.

Again, my deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the victims and their families.

Mr. LARSEN, of Washington. Mr. Speaker, after a painful and shocking day where we saw the unthinkable become a reality, I returned to my house to embrace my wife, Tiia, and our two children.

My five-year-old son, Robert, had only one question. He asked it in a way that only a five-year-old could: “Why did those mean people fly a plane through that building?”

How can you explain to a child the hate that terrorism can; (5) do not let terrorism scare you. The gift of democracy will continue to be exercised no matter what the cost. The values of openness and tolerance, without which we would descend to the level of our new enemies, will continue to stand. Finally, the American spirit which drives us to reach out to help those in need—a spirit we need now more than ever—will continue to triumph.

In the wake of this terrible act of terrorism, I am calling upon all of us to take these actions:

(1) Please pray for the victims and their families;
(2) support President Bush and the Congress in the actions we must take to respond to this tragedy. This is no time for partisan politics; (3) use my office as a resource to answer questions; (4) donate blood if you can; (5) do not let terrorism scare you. The United States of America will triumph.

We have the strongest democracy in the history of the world and we will get through this shocking attack on our country.

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Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the strongest possible condemnation of yesterday’s terrorist attack on the United States, and to offer my deepest condolences to all the victims of this inexcusable act with utter disregard for human life? What answer can we find to the question, “Why?”

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We must learn from the kindness of strangers who have come to one another’s comfort in the last two days.

Finally, in the process of combating international terrorism, we must either abandon American civil liberties or express our fears and anger by indiscriminately striking out against those with different names, skin color or religion.

Today, here on this floor, we honor the victims. Tomorrow, and in the coming weeks and months, we will honor them further by showing that our Nation and her people are stronger than the forces of terrorism.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, like most Americans, I was glued to the television yesterday. It was with the eyes and heart of a wife, mother and grandmother primarily that I responded incredulously to the horrific images. Throughout the day, I tried to reach my family back in Illinois, and found myself looking at their pictures. Those of us who did not lose loved ones know personally someone who perished in this attack could all empathize with the agony of those who do. We all have sent our precious ones off to work or said goodbye to them at the airport, never giving more than a passing thought about their safety. With great anticipation, we have ridden in elevators to the top of the World Trade Center, and as citizens visited public buildings like the Pentagon. In just a few hours, our sense of security as an American family was shattered. It will be a long time before we take ordinary acts for granted again.

Today, our hopes and prayers are with the injured, and we rejoice with each discovery of someone found in the rubble. Today we marvel at the courage of the firefighters, police, military personnel, emergency crews and volunteers, many of whom also perished, who have worked and are working so hard to save lives.

Yesterday I was consumed by unanswerable questions. What kind of people carefully and deliberately plot to brutally murder thousands of innocent men, women and children? How can one imagine individuals celebrating the deadly success of this evil plot? How could any human being have such total disregard for human life? How could anyone be so consumed by hate? It is still hard to get my mind around this.

Today, I hope that we must be careful as we answer those questions. I represent a very diverse district that includes people of all races, nationalities and religions. All of them are horrified today. But some, Arab Americans and Muslims and others have another concern—ones or know personally someone who American residents, will become the targets of anger and frustration. This is a time when, in tribute to the value of tolerance that is at the heart of our democracy, we must embrace one another. Turning against each other will only be a victory for the perpetrators of this evil plot.

As a proud member of the Congress of this great nation, I am working with my staff to assure my constituents that our government is mobilized now to take decisive action to assure that this thing will never happen again. The full resources of this nation will be expended to find and root out those responsible for this atrocity. We are vigorously engaged in the search and rescue effort and ready to provide any support and comfort we can to those who are grieving.

If the purpose of this despicable attack was to deliver a message, it must be that America and our support for our democratic allies, like Israel, it has failed.

We will have peace and security again in this country and we continue our efforts to spread peace and security throughout the world. We will pay tribute to our lost loved ones, to those who have responded so bravely, and we will comfort the families that are aching across the nation. And we will stand together in this country and with our allies around the world and all those who consider themselves civilized, and we will have justice. And the commitment to freedom from which this nation was born will continue to flourish.

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, America was wounded. Wounded in our souls. Wounded by an unimaginable evil. Our nation will forever remember this despicable attack on America, on our people, and on the freedom we enjoy as Americans. These horrific events will be forever engrained in the minds of our peace-loving people for many years to come.

We must come together in our hearts to bring peace to the families and friends of the lost loved ones. We must open our hearts to those in need.

Lifestyles in this nation and around the world may change, but the message must go out to our faceless enemies that we the American people have the resolve to persevere. In the words of Confucius, “Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but rising every time we fall.”

We are a strong and proud people who have faced adversity and enemies greater than the pathetic cowards who attacked us yesterday. Our enemies will not see us falter. The American people and this congress will stand behind our President.

This tragic event will only serve to solidify our principles of freedom and democracy. This terrorist attack is our very foundation of freedom and democracy. They will learn that America’s belief in freedom and democracy are far more powerful than any acts of terrorism.

We will continue to be the greatest nation this planet has ever seen, and our enemies are about to find that out the hard way. I will support the President’s efforts to hunt down and punish those cowards responsible for the killing of unsuspecting and innocent civilians. Unfortunately, whatever action taken will never be enough to sufficiently avenge our nation’s losses.

Let us always remember that although our nation has been violated, we will deal with those who perpetrated this terrorism.

Freedom to live was stolen from many of our mothers, fathers, children, sisters, brothers, and our citizens. We must never forget that, even long after our answer comes.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America was hit by an unspeakable tragedy—an act of unconscionable horror.

I am saddened beyond depths I could have imagined, at the terrorist attacks that have been launched against the United States. My heart goes out to the families of all those who have been lost—aerie passengers and crew, workers in office buildings, military personnel, rescue workers—too numerous to even estimate at this point.

Yesterday, Americans from coast to coast and around the world stopped what they were doing and experienced shock, insecurity, and grief.

Our country has not felt such horror or fear in history. Cities, suburbs, and rural towns became “still” as news spread of the events unfolding in New York City, Washington, DC, and western Pennsylvania.

As we relive yesterday’s events, we will continue to be in shock. We will search for information about friends, family, and professional colleagues affected by this vicious attack.

However, as we move beyond the shock, we must remain assured that America’s institutions and government remain fully intact. Our democracy is stronger than a band of suicidal terrorists. We will survive this deplorable attack. In fact, we will grow stronger. While this attack has destroyed lives and infrastructure, it has not destroyed our foundation as a country.

To the perpetrators of this act, I would state that you have not destroyed the spirit of America. You have not even shaken the foundation of this country. If anything, even as our nation grieves, its very foundation has been re-enforced with a sense of itself, its purpose, its freedoms, and the deeply felt civic connections among its citizens.

In the morning hours, even as hundreds of thousands of people were immediately gripped by chaotic circumstances in Washington, DC, and New York, we knew that our faith in one another as citizens would sustain us through the events unfolding before our eyes.

In the afternoon, as we watched the brave men and women of fire, police and medical professions carry out their duties, our confidence in civic institutions was re-assured and grew deeper.

As they as public resources were mobilized to support the efforts of New York City, Washington, DC, and southwestern Pennsylvania, our trust and belief in the leadership provided by local, state, and federal officials grew stronger.

My fellow Americans, after yesterday, that bond that binds us together as Americans, that bond that seems invisible or recessed in our daily lives, that bond which seems not to grow deeper.

All of us felt its presence and re-emergence as we struggled through yesterday. As we evacuated buildings. As we follow the news. As we took the metro or walked home. As we shared our sorrow with friends and family.

To my colleagues and fellow Americans, I would say that it is through this bond—shared between ourselves, and indeed shared among all people who relish freedom and democracy—that we will tap our inner strength to overcome yesterday’s event.

Over the next several weeks, we will take stock of our loss. We will grieve for friends...
and loved ones. After that, we will re-build the physical infrastructure that was destroyed, and in so doing make sacred the memories of Americans lost.

Our lives will go on—saddened by those lost—but unencumbered by fear of those who have neither the ability nor courage to truly threaten our freedom and way of life.

As we move to respond internationally, we will assemble the facts to identify those responsible. And then we will act swiftly to punish those responsible, and we will protect U.S. national security interests in concert with our friends who share a commitment to actively combat terrorism.

To America’s friends and allies, we take comfort in your words of condolence and look forward to your support in the future.

To the perpetrators of this crime against human life, you will be tracked down.

You may wish to remember what Admiral Yamamoto said of the last major attack on U.S. soil at Pearl Harbor muted after that event: “I fear all we have done is awaken a sleeping giant and filled him with terrible resolve.”

The United States will use every resource available to find you and to punish you.

Cowardly acts of terror will not change the United States of America. You will not win.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, there have been many times over the past two days when an analogy has been made to Pearl Harbor.

I am struck by a different analogy from the same war.

In August 1940, the Battle of Britain raged in the skies. It was different from previous wars because innocent civilians Were thrust into the battle As bombs rained down on London and the rest of Britain.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill spoke to the House of Commons on August 20. He said: “If it is a case of the whole nation fighting and suffering together, That ought to suit us, Because we are the most united of all the nations, Because we enter the war upon the national will and with our eyes open, and because we have been nurtured in freedom and individual responsibility and are the products, not of totalitarian uniformity, but of tolerance and variety.”

The same could be said of us today, Mr. Speaker.

What the terrorists will never understand is that the strength of America is the hearts of our people. They may attack our buildings; they may attack innocent civilians. But they can never harm the thing that makes us great—it’s inside us.

Last night, church services were held across the country—from Clarendon, Texas to Washington, D.C.—as people prayed for those affected by the tragedy and for strength and courage to face what lies ahead.

I believe that God will continue to bestow His blessings on this favored land, and each day I will thank Him for the opportunity to be an American.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it will take weeks, months, perhaps years, for us to understand the magnitude of the terrorist attacks. Given the tragedy and our struggle to find a balance between the need for increased security and the necessity of protecting our freedoms.

I was driving to work at the Rayburn House Office Building yesterday morning with my window down because of a broken air conditioning. As I came abreast of the Pentagon, some technical aural sound—a muffled boom and then, after a few seconds, saw a billowing black cloud of smoke. A few minutes later, when I stopped at the entrance of the Rayburn garage, a Capitol Hill policeman told me, “They just hit the Pentagon,” and pointed to a same black cloud of smoke that I had just passed.

It will take a while for our government to resume normalcy and for our country to regain its confidence. I used to tell Sunday School students that “confidence” comes from the Latin, “con fides,” which means “with faith.” That is how we will have to proceed.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the grief millions of Americans are feeling today all across our great nation knows no boundaries.

While I recognize the significance the Congress making a statement for the record to condemn yesterday’s attacks, I also recognize mere words ring hollow today to the millions of Americans who have lost so much.

Lost in this tremendous tragedy were friends and loved ones, families, military personnel, firefighters, and police officers; innocent men, women, and children all. Over the days, weeks, and months ahead, all Americans must come together, work together, and do what they can, whether it is donating blood to a local blood bank or something as simple as thanking the brave men and women who put their lives on the line each day to ensure our safety and freedom.

The grief and mourning all of us are feeling today however, must be balanced by our resolve to identify and take action against those responsible for these despicable and unprovoked acts of war. For these were not simple acts of terrorism or mere crimes. They were acts of war; a direct and deliberate attack against our country, our government, our economy, and our military.

To that end, I disagree with those who believe we must bring these perpetrators “to justice.” They should be destroyed, and destroyed forever. As long as these vipers will no longer have the ability to rear their fangs towards our great nation again. I agree with the President who said last night there will no longer be a distinction between those who commit acts of terror and those who provide harbor to them. I only regret such a distinction has existed for so long.

While we remember and reflect on all we have lost, we must also move forward with a renewed fight to destroy terrorists and dismantle their infrastructure. This consists of identifying any and all terrorist elements—whether they be those who actually train and commit these acts, or those who harbor, finance, supply and otherwise offer support to them. Once we have positively identified them, we take them out, eliminate them from the face of this earth. As long as the strength of America endures, we will never rise again. In doing so, they should be afforded the same lack of warning and mercy as they offered to the innocent victims in the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

There are other steps we could and should take in light of these terrorist acts.

We must all work to immediately unite the hands of our military and intelligence leaders to deal swiftly with serious and recognized threats to our national security. For the last 30 years, our government, through executive orders, has had an artificial barrier in place; providing no authority to go after those responsible.

As the threat posed to American citizens by terrorist organizations continues to grow as demonstrated by the occurrence of September 11th, it is essential we use every tool at our disposal to eliminate those who would destroy our lives and property from doing so. To that end, I introduced H.R. 19, “The Terrorist Elimination Act”; legislation repealing those portions of executive orders prohibiting the government from directly eliminating terrorist leaders.

Terrorist leaders should rarely be targeted, and any such steps should only be considered after very careful and comprehensive consideration involving our military, intelligence, and policy leaders. However, when terrorist leaders, such as the ones who caused the attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., take and threaten the lives of Americans, I believe it is entirely appropriate for us to remove them by any means necessary, without arbitrarily limiting our options.

Finally, we must begin to take steps toward understanding why our intelligence community failed to have knowledge or warning of such a well-planned, multi-faceted strategic attack.

The federal government spends billions of dollars each year to ensure the safety of its citizens. For us to have no knowledge ahead of time is simply unacceptable, and I fully expect steps will be taken to understand the source of these problems and fix them immediately; including allowing our agents in the field more latitude to gain information and eliminating bureaucratic intransigence to ensure information is disseminated more quickly.

What we must avoid, however, is the knee-jerk reaction to pass more laws restricting the civil liberties of American citizens. The tragedies of this attack will only be compounded by giving the government more power at the expense of our civil liberties. If we cannot stop this type of attack with all of the tools that our government agencies already have, then we are in very serious trouble. As I have said, the one area where the government can and must approve is in allowing more latitude to gain information overseas and in taking direct action against terrorists.

As I said at the outset, mere words have little meaning during this time of national tragedy. What we must do now is to take meaningful steps to exact retribution on those who are responsible and ensure this never happens again.

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in expressing my outrage at these terrorist attacks on American soil. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those who perished at the hands of a cruel, and yet unknown, terrorist organization. I extend respect and gratitude to the hundreds of emergency responders who, at this moment, continue to make order of the wreckage that has resulted from this most wretched attack.

Our proud nation has never flinched from adversity, and together, we must pull together during extraordinary times. And, indeed, this is an extraordinary time. This unity of spirit is already evident by countless
ATTACKS MARK BLOODY END TO COMPLACENCY

Life in America will be forever altered by the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

Life will change because Americans not only will accommodate it, they will welcome it. Aren’t you willing this morning to tolerate ultra-strict precautions the next time you board an airplane?

A message was driven home in the thunder of exploding airplanes and collapsing skyscrapers. The greatest threat to American security may be from shadowy forces using guile, deception and stealth—not from recognizable foes wielding batteries of missiles and the implements of war.

Aircraft carriers, satellites, ballistic missiles, tanks, and helicopters were of little use against the foe who struck Tuesday morning in the suicidal attack ever mounted against Americans on American soil.

Apt comparisons were quickly drawn between the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. This day, too, will live in infamy. The toll of dead and injured, however, apparently will surpass the 2,388 deaths and 1,178 wounded at Pearl Harbor.

In World War II the enemy struck at what was then a far-flung outpost of American military might. But on Sept. 11, 2001, the enemy struck at the very heart and nerve center of the American military—the Pentagon in the nation’s capital.

Despite the distinctions between Tuesday’s terrorism and Pearl Harbor, Americans of Tuesday should find familiar the responses of Americans to that surprise attack in the last century.

Now is a time for Americans to unite, to pull together as a nation, and not to become too preoccupied to look at the things that divide us. Our enemy is not the American people. The enemy struck at the very heart and nerve center of our society. It’s time for Americans to be united.

But as Schwarzkopf acknowledged, part of the need for us to change our way of thinking is that we are not prepared for this kind of warfare. It is a maddening, infuriating kind of confrontation in which the enemy often can’t be identified. Its targets are selected with cruel indifference to human values—the traveling public, the institutions of democratic government, the long lines of innocent civilians.

It is a war on a horrifyingly large scale. Some people compared the attacks with the Japanese ambush of Pearl Harbor. However, the toll was potentially greater than the 2,400 lives lost in that 1941 attack. Fifty thousand people worked in the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and in some cases, held only temporarily.

We can only trust that the government will do its best to take care of that essential responsibility. There may be more terrorism. Travel may be less convenient. The White House and the Capitol may become less accessible.

But it’s also a time for a clear-eyed assessment of what Americans can do to make our society less vulnerable to this kind of warfare.

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Grown-ups will accept, indeed welcome, the sacrifices that need to be made.

The terrible events of September 11, 2001, will surely never be forgotten. This day will stand with Pearl Harbor and the burning of the White House by the British in the War of 1812—events that not only saddened and outraged the United States, but also demonstrated the enemy’s determination to preserve the blessings of liberty.

This determination has always been one of the country’s greatest strengths. It has seldom been more urgently needed than now.

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its murder; and that terrorist acts are not politics, they are war. It is time for us to realize that the perpetrators of these acts are not trying to capture our attention to make a point, they are trying to destroy us; and it is time for us to respond in kind.

The resolution before us says that we "commit to support increased resources in the war to eradicate terrorism." It also provides that we "punish the perpetrators of these attacks, as well as their sponsors." These are appropriate responses to what has happened over the past 24 hours.

In the coming weeks, I do not want to see terrorist faces on the covers of our national newspapers. I do not want to hear the pundit talk of this group or that. I want our intelligence community and military forces to hunt them down like the murderous cowards they are. And I want this Congress to use its "power of the purse" to ensure that they have the resources they need to accomplish this task. That is what this resolution says we will do. That is what we must do.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I will share with the Chamber that last night, my wife spent the evening hours with beloved neighbors in our hometown of Stonington, CT. Their young grandson, my daughter's classmate and friend, had a new and exciting job in New York City located on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center. He was a bright and energetic young man; a smalltown boy pursuing the American dream in "the Big Apple." Following yesterday's attack, calls to his cell phone went unanswered. He is missing. We fear the worst.

Today in eastern Connecticut we have learned of four others who are missing, and we mourn the deaths of three loved ones who were on two of the aircraft involved. This distress among our fellow citizens demands that we respond with strong and unequivocal action. This resolution is just the first step. I expect that it will be followed by authorizations and appropriations. In the name of the missing and the dead, we can do no less. This is the penalty in their name, this is what we resolve to do.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly condemn the heinous acts of terrorism committed against the American people yesterday. The barbaric cowards perpetrating these acts have attacked not only our country, but also the values of human freedom and democracy that so many Americans have died defending both here and abroad. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured and those who have tragically lost loved ones.

In the short term, we must do everything we can to save and care for those injured in these attacks. The Federal Government can and must be a vital partner in this effort. As chairman of the appropriations subcommittee that funds the Department of Health and Human Services, I am very pleased to see the Department of Health and Human Services responding to this tragedy. It is coordinating emergency medical services under the Federal Response Plan, dispatching medical supplies and disaster medical teams to the areas affected by these attacks.

I must express my sincere gratitude to all those police, fire, and volunteer rescue units that have saved so many already at their own risk and continue their efforts to find survivors.

My appreciation also goes out to those treating the many injured. Lastly, I must say thanks to all those who have donated their time, blood, and possessions to aid the rescue effort. It always impresses me that in times of great tragedy, the people of this country rise to the challenge in coming to the aid of their fellow citizens. This says a lot about the values this nation represents.

Of course, our energies must be strongly focused in finding those responsible and bringing them to justice. I consider this to be an act of war against the United States and a substantial and coordinated response is needed to protect our national security. Like the President, I believe we must strongly punish not only these terrorists, but also those who provide them with a haven in which to operate. I hope that our friends and allies worldwide will help us in this effort.

Clearly, the unforeseen nature of these attacks requires us to rethink the way we defend our citizens with the help of our military. This cannot be done domestically. We must pay better attention to unconventional threats and basic security measures. Internationally, we need to better utilize our intelligence resources so that these types of threats can be detected early.

This is not the first time our country and way of life have been challenged. This challenge will also be answered and this great nation will prevail over these faceless cowards. These are the times when all Americans are called upon to rise to the occasion, working together as a country.

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation suffered previously unimaginable horrific acts against our Nation's citizens and our democracy, in an attempt to shake our foundation of freedom.

As parents, grandparents, and peers we not only see these acts as an attack on our Nation—but also an attack that threatens to shatter the innocence of life as seen by our children. Yesterday, the actions of others crushed this innocence and reminded us that freedom does not come without a cost. As so many American's who have fought for this country already know—freedom is not free.

I want to express my condolences and prayers to all of the families and friends who have lost loved ones and to those victims who are fighting to survive their injuries. I also want to ask us all to remember and pray for the dedicated people who have worked and continue to work to recover possible survivors.

As a nation of free people we will join together and recover from this tragedy. From the ashes of this tragedy we will rise up and prevail—because in America—every morning has the potential for new and even better beginnings.

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, America was besieged by images and horror as we witnessed an attack on the very heart of the freedom which we hold so dear. Today, the Nation and the world are besieged by emotion: disbelief, anger, and enormous sorrow. We mourn the loss of thousands, and grieve for the families, friends, and communities that have lost so much.

As Chaplain Coughlin told us through prayer this morning, "Yesterday changed the world,
and today we are changed." We will meet this change and this challenge united—knowing that our freedom is our greatest strength and knowing that in our resolve to protect freedom, we will be united.

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, our Nation, our freedom, and our way of life were violently attacked yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, as well as with the men and women who are conducting the recovery efforts at the World Trade Center.

While, our adversaries correctly calculated how to get past airport security and execute their plan, they badly miscalculated the unity and resolve of the American people. Whatever policy disagreements we may have are a family fight. One need only to see the long lines of people waiting to give blood for the victims, or the truck drivers in New York stopping to pick up carry pedestrians across the George Washington Bridge, or the woman handing out free pairs of sneakers to women wearing high heels so they could get through the rubble safely to know that the American people are as united as ever.

We stand united behind the President and his national security team. While the people behind these vicious acts don’t have the courage to show themselves, we will find out who is responsible for this, we will hunt down those who financed and protected the terrorists, and we will make an example of them.

This is much more than a massive criminal act; it is an act of war, and will be dealt with as such. The merchants of terror have gambled that America won’t have the stomach to do what is necessary to safeguard our freedom. They have gambled wrong. America can’t—and won’t—flinch.

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, today our Nation grieves for those lost in yesterday’s horrendous attacks. Our prayers are with the victims and their families. We also must honor the heroic efforts of those who gave their lives while attempting to rescue victims trapped in the Trade Towers. Hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other workers reportedly lost their lives during the terrible collapse of buildings. We will never forget their courage and sacrifice, and we must do all we can to assist those who continue to attend to victims and search for survivors.

Make no mistake: yesterday’s attacks were an act of war against the United States. When we determine who is responsible our reaction must be strong, decisive, and sustained enough to stamp out this threat against our nation. We must support our President in any operation that would punish the group responsible for these attacks and any government who harbors these terrorists.

America has been challenged in the past, and we have not only prevailed but come through each trial a stronger nation. This test will be no exception. After September 11, 2001 we are a nation, a people, more noble, and more free nation than before.

Today a new generation of Americans is re­minded of the fact that freedom is not free. The struggle before us will be long and difficult but America will prevail. The depth and breadth of yesterday’s attacks is extraordinary, but the spirit of America is greater still. The people of Oklahoma, in particular, have been an example to the world of how Americans respond to terror. We stand by one another regardless of race or ideology with compassion and determination.

The spirit of fear that spread throughout our nation yesterday will be driven from our soil. Our military will play its role, but the real victory of freedom over tyranny will come, as it always has, from the character of the American people. As a nation we must, more than ever, hold to our common heritage and belief that the freedoms we hold dear are the light of every individual under God and not merely the fruits of economic or military power. The Apostle John writes in 1 John chapter 4 that perfect love drives out fear. The love the American people have for freedom and for every child of God is a foundation that can withstand any attack. Terrorists may wage war against our structure but they will not touch our soul.

In the coming days the world will undoubt­edly see the strength of our military but they will witness the strength of the character and the values that make America what it is. America has always been a lighthouse to the world, welcoming those seeking a safe harbor and new beginnings. America was attacked precisely because her freedom shines brightest. In the days to come that lighthouse will shine even brighter still. The darkest of nights and standing tall as an enduring beacon of hope.

May God bless the victims and their fam­i­lies, and may God bless America.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, September 11th was a tragic day in America’s history, and a defining day in the lives of all Americans and all civilization. My prayers go out to all those who loved ones were lost or injured.

As we reflect on the horror of the terrorist attack we must all, individually and collectively as a nation, resolve to support our President, military and law enforcement in their pursuit, capture and conviction of those responsible for carrying out this act of terror.

The intent of terrorism is to strike fear in the hearts of the innocent in an effort to cause people to cower and retreat. We must all demonstrate as a nation and as individuals that terrorism has failed in its intent. Our history demonstrates that America has risen to meet and defeat every attempt to shake our dedication to peace and liberty. Now will be no exception.

Freedom and hope in the world rest today, as it has for over two centuries, on the shoulders of Americans. May our response against those who attacked America be swift and decisive, and our resolve to never allow this to happen again ever vigilant. God has blessed America, and I pray God’s healing hand touch all Americans whose families suffered loss and injury yesterday.

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our nation experienced one of the most profound and deep losses caused by violent terrorists with no regard for precious human lives. It was a tragedy that re­minded us not to take our freedoms for granted. And it was a tragedy that will be sure to touch the lives of everyone in our nation for a long, long time. It has caused deep­est personal condolences and concerns to the victims of yesterday’s tragedy and their families.

The attacks yesterday on passengers on four airlines flights, the World Trade Center in New York, and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. struck at the heart of our nation. They struck at the spirit of our great nation and one of our great nation’s most important symbols and institutions. The Pentagon is a symbol of our nation’s great military might, which protects our borders and defends our democratic way of life. The World Trade Center was a symbol of the nation’s vital and strong economy—an economy that will remain as strong as the res­olve of all Americans.

More than assaulting our symbols, the ter­rorists struck at the heart of our nation—its people. They struck not just the immediate vic­tims of yesterday’s violence, but at many, many more. They struck the victims’ families, friends, and all our communities. Their vio­lence didn’t just destroy buildings—it took away the gift of life from countless innocent Americans. The human cost of this violence will be deep.

We must act swiftly in the coming days to provide emergency aid to support to those areas affected by the violence. This should include federal funds for rescue, recovery, rebuilding, and counseling. And it should also include volunteer efforts, whether it’s the donation of blood or assistance in providing solace and comfort to the victims’ fam­i­lies.

We must find the perpetrators of these heinous acts and bring them to justice. I have faith the President Bush will act quickly and aggressively to identify the terrorists and launch appropriate retaliation.

We must do everything in our power to pre­vent terrorists from inflicting this strain of violence on the future by significantly increasing our intelligence budget and investing more in traditional human espionage.

We must work to restore the fullest con­fidence in our airway safety by strengthening security measures at airports around the country. Most Americans understand that greater security measures may entail some sacrifices, but those sacrifices may be a small price to pay for greater peace of mind.

And finally, we must help each other heal from this tragedy. When terrorists seek to di­vide, we must remember to trust each other and to stand united. By placing our trust in each other, we can once again strengthen and preserve the strong bonds of this country that those terrorists tried to break.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, Southern West Virginia know loss. We remember the names of the victims of these attacks and their families as other Americans have hoped and prayed for us in the past. Our nation’s motto is E Pluribus Unum: Out of many, one. Americans always display this unity best when disaster strikes, uniting all our citizens.

Yesterday’s attacks did not kill only Wash­ingtonians and New Yorkers. The victims came from across this country. At least one
family in my own District was torn apart. Dr. Paul Ambrose, a talented and public-spirited young physician, was aboard one of the airplanes that the terrorists crashed. The sympathies of all America are with Ken and Sharon on Ambrose of Huntington, West Virginia, today. We will avenge their loss.

America seeks peace, but it is not blind. The people who planned these attacks are out there, and we know that they still pursue their evilness. Their celebrations will be short, because America's resolve is sure. I support the President's vow to punish these murderers and those who give them shelter.

As the death toll mounts in the aftermath of the most vicious terrorist attack ever perpetrated on Americans and America, I ask the good Lord to give us the courage, wisdom, and conviction to bring those responsible to justice.

Certainly, the horror of this attack has been etched into the minds and hearts of all Americans. It is time to mourn the dead. To care for the injured. But it is also time to plan for our future, and to take actions to insure that the lessons of this attack will not be lost. That those who perished will not have done so in vain.

America will persevere. We are not weakened by this attack, but rather, will grow stronger. Out of these flames of death, an even stronger American spirit will be born. And the beacon of freedom, of our Democratic institutions, will burn even brighter upon the world.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, my office manager, Mary Christ, noted the following that I want to share with my colleagues. And I quote:

Suddenly, we are living in a new world. This attack on the United States is worse than the Pearl Harbor of the past.

Then, a known enemy struck at a far-away naval base.

Now, an unclear enemy has struck against the heart of the nation.

Innocent civilians were turned into weapons, and innocent civilians were the targets and the villains. It was unspeakable brutality and terror.

It could not have been worse.

This was the day we will all remember.

This was the day the world changed.

For 10 years, we have been living in the optimism after the fall of the Evil Empire and a new freedom around the world. Now, a new Evil has struck.

A new war will be waged across the world.

It will never be the same.

Thank you Mary!

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 63.

911 now has as new meaning in America. September 11, 2001 is the day the landscape of America was changed forever. Whenever I hear 911, not only will I think of emergency assistance, I will remember the victims and families and those who lost their lives by this tragically reprehensible and cowardly attack against our country. As we attempt to rescue survivors and console those who have lost, we begin our determined quest to find the murderers and impose the appropriate punishment.

Make no mistake. The act of war perpetrated against us will be met with the full force of the United States. Once we have identified the cowards, our response will be swift and severe. President Bush, Congress and the American people are resolved to take on and defeat the forces of evil that attempt to disrupt our way of life. The principles of democracy in free and open society are at stake. Weak and cowardly terrorists have declared war against all nations that enjoy freedom and liberty. The world is now divided between those who support terrorism and those who will fight it, and all peaceful nations should band together in a unified force against those that spread hatred and wreak terror. We shall target not only those who plan and carry out these acts of terror, but those who feed, finance, clothe and harbor them.

Congress must reassess our priorities in the way we protect security. To American people. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I pledge to stand with President Bush in addressing our intelligence and national security needs. We must keep Americans safe to assure our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a dark day in America. Today, the light of freedom shines bright and we must move forward with confidence as the greatest nation in the world.

May God bless those who lost their lives and comfort their families. And, my God bless the United States of America.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I first wish to associate myself with the remarks of Mr. ARMEY and Mr. GEPHARDT. The partnership we have formed and the commitment to work together on a bipartisan basis with no aisle between us is a statement of great importance. The American people today have an enhanced commitment to freedom and democracy, and that commitment is directly reflected through their representatives in this Congress.

Yesterday's heinous attacks were acts of war against the citizens of the United States. And, on the attack clearly points to a well-financed and painstakingly planned operation.

As the chairman of the Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism, Committee on Armed Services in the House, I wish to make a slight diversion at this time to pay for terrorist acts. That is why I believe everyone here today agrees that President Bush was exactly right when he said clearly: "we hold not only the terrorists responsible, but those who harbor and assist them as well, and we will hold them down..."

My colleagues, today is the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the USA. I pledge to all of you to work hand in hand together with you to bring an end to these types of heinous events. Together, we will make our country stronger than ever, and together we will see that yesterday's events are never, ever repeated.

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, America was faced with a gutless, cowardly attack yesterday. Innocent people were murdered in cold blood—America was awakened—to a new type of warfare. A type of warfare that was unfathomable to decent God-fearing people around the world.

Yet, as in the past, once awakened, together as a people, we will rise up in defense of democracy, rise up in defense of liberty. America was also awakened to its lost patriotism, a patriotism that we drifted away from because of the security and prosperity this great land of freedom has enjoyed so long.

We are a peaceful people—but we will not turn the other cheek. No one should doubt our resolve.

As President Bush said, not only those individuals in this evil should be targeted, but...
countries who support these people and these acts must and will be punished.

It is sickening to me to see pictures of people celebrating the deaths of innocent Americans. It is heartening to me to see the pictures of the heroes during this opening shot of war—those who helped others—firemen, policemen, doctors, nurses, paramedics—the list goes on and on.

And ultimately, that is the list that will win this war.

While we mourn the growing list of victims—we must celebrate the growing list of heroes. Those are the ones who will win this war.

I pray for the victims and their families. I pray for our Commander-in-Chief. I pray that justice will be ours.

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to those innocent lives that perished yesterday in an attack on America's freedom. The images of collapsing skyscrapers, a burning Pentagon, and large airplanes diving through our metropolitan skies will scar our memories forever.

As a former law enforcement officer, I want to pay particular attention to the thousands of police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and other emergency responders who did their jobs with the utmost professionalism during the tragedies yesterday in New York, the Washington, DC area, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

In my 7 years as a county sheriff, never did I train for, or conceive of a tragedy of this magnitude. Hundreds of New York City firefighters, police officers, and other emergency personnel who were the first to respond to the World Trade Center, were crushed in the rubble of the collapsing buildings as they were vigorously carrying out their mission—the mission of rescuing people.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday's events may have exposed the cowardliness of a coordinated and faceless act of terror, but let us take note that it also exposed the bravery and professionalism, the perseverance, and heroism of the many police officers, firefighters, and paramedics who continue to do their jobs as I speak, amid the crushed vehicles and dead bodies of their fallen brethren who were among the first responders to the tragedy yesterday.

As we gather here to express our sadness and our anger at the tragedy of these acts of terror, let us also be sure to express our sincere gratitude to the emergency service personnel in each of our districts who continue to do their jobs every day, the job of protecting our lives and the lives of our constituents, so that we can live in an atmosphere of confidence and safety. These men and women are true heroes, and they need to know that they are appreciated.

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 61, which condemns the cowardly terrorist attack on the United States yesterday and demonstrates our solidarity with the families and friends of yesterday’s victims.

Yesterday’s events were nothing less than a horrific attack on the values of an act of war. Although we do not yet know who is responsible, we can be fairly certain that these enemies of freedom and democracy were seeking to destroy our very way of life. They certainly succeeded in bringing about death and destruction on a massive scale, and causing terror in the hearts of every American. We will never be dictated to in the spirit of America. Our great nation will survive today, and we will continue to stand as the beacon for democracy worldwide.

We in Congress are back at work today, carrying on our work for our nation. Across our country, millions of Americans are carrying on with their lives at work and in their homes. Our hearts are heavy with loss for those who perished. But we will not panic. We will not allow some senseless act of cowardice to deter us from our daily way of life. We will continue to cherish the freedoms for which our forefathers fought, and stand up even more strongly for freedom and democracy worldwide.

In stark contrast to this calculated, cowardly act of mass murder, there were stories yesterday of spontaneous acts of courage displayed by Americans in Washington and New York. Hundreds of the policemen, firefighters and other rescue workers bravely risked their lives to save the victims of the attack. As we speak today, thousands of Americans are lining up for hours to donate blood and many are volunteering to untangling in hospitals. This is the spirit of America that will never be broken.

Mr. Speaker, ten years ago, I was a Member of the House when we stood in solidarity against the tyranny of Saddam Hussein in the Persian Gulf. Saddam thought he could divide our nation, but he was wrong. He underesti- mated the strength, resolve and ingenuity of the American people.

Today, ten years later, we are faced with a new enemy, perhaps even more heinous and sinister. But, like Saddam, this enemy under-estimates our ability to recover from tragedy and arise united as an even stronger nation. Ten years ago, I stood in this well as a Demo- crat, united in support of my President and our men and women in the Armed Forces. I do the same today, and I vow to President Bush that I will support him in his efforts to punish those responsible for this deplorable attack. Those who are responsible for this attack should make no mistake—all Americans, and those who are not, will be united behind our President, and we will bring about jus-tice!

Mr. Speaker, throughout the confusion of the day, the beacon atop the Capitol dome re-mained illuminated. This beacon is a symbol of the freedoms that define our great nation. The enemies of our nation can denounce and threaten our freedoms, and periodically they can wound us, as they did yesterday. But they will never extinguish the flame of democracy. Freedom is the powerful, defining force that unites a diverse people under the umbrella known as the United States of America. Yes- terday we were all touched by this awful trag- edy, but today is a new day in America, and we are stronger and more united than ever.

Mr. Speaker, God bless the families of this awful, cowardly act, and may God continue to bless America.

Mr. DE MINT. Mr. Speaker, I often rise on the floor of the House and speak of securing America’s future. As yesterday’s events show, there is much work to be done.

Yesterday, we suffered the worst terrorist assault on American soil in the history of our country. The horror that was perpetrated by assailants as yet unidentified, has resulted in untold death and destruction. Regular people, with children, and parents, and brothers and sisters went to work yesterday never sus-pecting that they would be the victims of cata-strophic brutality committed by enemies they never knew. I am deeply saddened for those who lost loved ones, and I know that we will do absolutely everything possible to rescue those still alive but trapped in the rubble. Yes- terday we saw evil at its worst. Today, as Americans come together to donate blood, rescue the survivors, and comfort those in mourning, we see America at its best.

The first two questions that follow this kind of unspeakable tragedy are always who did it and why. Although we have not yet deter-mined who was behind the attack, we do know some things about them. The people who did this premeditated act of violence were calculated, malicious, and cunning. They ruth- lessly turned commercial airliners filled in-nocent passengers into flying bombs. They were brazen in their planning and determined in their execution. Their despicable act of vio-lence and cowardice is tantamount to an act of war, and as President Bush said, we must marshall the full resources of the government to hunt down and eliminate those who would use terror as a weapon. We must redouble our efforts to ensure that the manufacturers of terror have no place to rest, no allies willing to risk harboring them, and no hope of ultimate success.

The United States of America is a peace-loving nation; we are not a people who are easily provoked to confrontation or war. We are slow to anger and practice tolerance. We routinely give of our surplus food, knowledge, and resources to others in the name of hu-manitarianism. We have opened our arms to receive those fleeing from oppressive regimes who agree with the principles of freedom and wish to join us. And to those peoples and na-tions who do not agree or do not wish to join us, we strive diligently to coexist with them peacefully in an international community.

But there are some who are not satisfied with our decision to sustain a society that pro-ects life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They refuse to embrace the virtues of freedom and have rejected the blessings of liberty, and further, they have attempted to prevent Amer-ica from doing so.

We espouse freedom and the way we choose to govern ourselves embodies and manifests that principle. Our society, com-merce, and government are open. And, as our attacks showed, that openness can make us vulnerable. The goal of our attackers is that we will respond by closing our cities and society and withdraw our efforts to spread freedom around the world so that their quest for power through barbarism will go unchal-lenged. But we will remain steadfast and con-continue to challenge terrorism.

And so as the dust is settling and the smoke is fading in New York and Washington, and as we count our lost, a rage is kindling. To those who committed this act, I say that the image of Democracy or hammered the light of Liberty. You have only reminded us once again, that there is a price for freedom; but you will surely
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We unrestrainedly condemn these cowardly acts of terror against innocent people. All of our detected stand united behind Prime Minister Tony Blair and Foreign Secretary Jack Straw in offering solidarity and help to bring the perpetrators to justice.

On a personal level, our delegation wishes to record our thanks to the State Department Officials who showed such concern for our safety and welfare when we found ourselves at the Capitol during the attack on the Pentagon.

We are impressed by the bravery and resolve of the American people, their representatives and their government. We are certain they will prevail.

Michael Connarty, James Clappison, David Heath, Patsy Calton, Baroness Walmsley, Angela Watkinson, John Lyons, David Hamilton.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I join all Americans today in mourning the loss of so many innocent American citizens and condemning those who planned and carried out these horrific acts of terrorism on September 11, 2001, a day that will be forever emblazoned in the hearts of all Americans.

This is the fourth generation type of warfare that we never desired, and we will deploy every available resource to eradicate such tactics from the face of the earth. We will not rest until we ferret out those who perpetrated this infamous act and those who aided or abetted this action.

Our nation is united in our deep sympathy and compassion for the victims, families and friends of those who perished and were injured. We are united in our gratitude for the heroism of rescue workers and volunteers. And we are united in our indignation and our determination to find and to punish those responsible for these barbaric acts of terrorism.

Our prayers go out to the victims, their families, and for our country at this time of national tragedy. We have been shaken by these savage and cowardly attacks—but our resolve and our character will never be daunted. Americans always rise to the challenge of a crisis, and we will once again show the world what it means to be an American.

May God's grace be with the victims, their families, and for our country.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, our nation witnessed one of the most despicable acts imaginable to mankind. The senseless devastation unleashed through these cowardly acts left every American with a sense of lost innocence and increased fears. Today, however, our nation stands united against not only the individuals who perpetrated the attacks, but against those who abhor freedom and embrace such evil and hatred.

America is a land that embraces freedom and values human life. We are a people that rush to help our fellow citizens, even at great peril to ourselves. Yesterday, America witnessed the heroism of police, firefighters, and bystanders who risked their own lives to help others. That is America at its finest—a spirit that will not be broken.

While America grieves, no nation, group, or individual engaged in or harboring terrorism should misunderstand the immense resources being employed to identify and punish those responsible. We will find you, we will hunt you down, and we will eliminate you.

The American people and the rest of the world must know that in times of great pain and tragedy, America is united not divided. As we have done countless times throughout our nation's glorious and storied history, Americans will unit behind President Bush to ensure that justice is served. Let us not forget the words of Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto following the bombing of Pearl Harbor who feared he had, "...awakened a sleeping giant and instilled in him a terrible resolve."

We must continue to pray for those who have been impacted by this tragedy. The families and friends of those killed and injured yesterday need our support, comfort, assistance, and prayers for many months to come.

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, as we pass this Resolution in Congress today condemning the terrorist incidents that took place in New York City and in Washington yesterday, we are also committing ourselves to supporting the increased resources that will be necessary to respond to this newly enhanced threat. All of our lives have been changed as a result of the events of September 11th, as we reflect upon the loss of life and the human impacts of this tragedy, let us also resolve to take the appropriate actions to assure that we are better able to protect the lives of American citizens in a world that has become a more dangerous place.

In this regard, I believe there is consensus at this time among Members of Congress to support the increased level of spending for defense and national security in the next fiscal year. But I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, about the real defense requirements that each of the military services has submitted to Congress, in response to a request from Congressmen Ike Skelton earlier this year. These "unfunded requirements" of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Air Force represented the actual requests that were NOT included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2002, submitted by President Bush in June. The total amount of that listing of unfunded requirements submitted to Congress was $32.4 billion, and when the President's budget was submitted to Congress in June, it accounted for NONE of these urgent defense requirements.

Therefore, as we debate the defense authorization and defense appropriations bills in the aftermath of yesterday's tragedies, I believe it would be helpful for the Members of the House to review a summary of the list of the unfunded requirements. I believe this listing details the kind of expenditures that we have postponed for too long. At this time, I believe the real national security need is closer to the actual requests that were made by the Joint Chiefs, and I my colleagues to support a more responsible level of defense spending for the next fiscal year. Following are some of the highlights of the listing of Unfunded Defense Requirements for the next fiscal year.

ARMY

Equipment Recapitalization: The Army needs $421 million to recapitalize its Apache and Chinook Helicopters and its Abrams tanks and Multiple Launch Rocket systems.

Comanche: The Army needs $52.3 million to support its Comanche program at the minimum sustainable level. The Army has identified Comanche as its first Transformational program.

Army Data Distribution System (ADDS): The Army needs $124.5 million to upgrade and maintain its data distribution and communications networks in support of more rapid deployments and operations.

SINCgars: The Army needs $17.6 million just to buy the required numbers of the baseline SINCgars radio.

Information Systems Security: The Army needs $48.6 million to upgrade and ensure the security of its information systems.

HMMWs: The Army needs $264 million to purchase 4000 HMMWs to cover unit shortages.

Heaters: The Army needs $22 million to replace unsafe heaters used in field encampments by deployed troops.

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Defense Messaging System (DMS) Transition: The Navy has a shortfall of $15 million because the new Defense Message System (DMS) cannot support the Navy's special handling and Emergency Action Messages. The Navy has to maintain two messaging networks to handle its highest priority communications as a result, and this requirement is unfunded.

Close-In-Weapons-System (CIWS): The Navy needs $85 million to fully fund upgrades to the Close-In-Weapons-System on Navy ships. This system defends against small fast moving boats and both slow and high speed missiles and aircraft.

Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM): The Navy needs $121 million to fully fund the RAM missile which protects Navy ships from Anti-Ship Cruise Missiles.

F–A 18 E/F: The Navy needs an additional $390 million to buy 7 more F/A 18s than currently planned. The average age of Navy planes is now on course to exceed the average age of its ships, an astonishing and troubling problem. The Navy must recapitalize its air fleet.

EA–6B Jammers: The Navy needs $15 million to replace 57 jammer pods that are obsolete. These aircraft protect attack aircraft from Surface to Air Missiles (SAMs)

Spares: The Navy needs $294 million to fund Spare Parts Training: The Navy needs $30 million to fund 2 additional trainer aircraft for training Navy pilots and $123 million for live and inert training ordnance.

Integrated Defense Electronic Counter Measures (IDECM): The Navy needs $45 million to equip this year's F/A 18 E/F fighters with the IDECM system which protect these aircraft from Surface to Air Missiles (SAMs)

AIR FORCE

Wartime Reserve Munitions Replenishment: The Air Force needs $362 million to replenish its stocks of ammunitions, bombs, warheads, missiles, and guidance kits of all of its armaments.

Readiness Spares: The Air Force needs $46.5 million to fully equip its readiness spares kits.

Link 16: The Air Force needs $233.8 million to procure and install the Link-16 network capability on its Command and Control Aircraft (the AWACS and JSTARS) and 10% of its strike force to ensure that this aircraft can be updated with the latest information on threats and targets while in the air.

Global Air Traffic Management (GATM): The Air Force needs $50.9 million to equip its C–130, KC–10, and C–12 airlift fleet with the
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Global Air Traffic Management (GATM) which is required for safe flight in commercial airspace.

Time Critical Targeting: The Air Force needs $281 million for network and planning tools and communications upgrades to allow planning of air campaigns capable of attacking time critical targets as they are identified.

Bomber Upgrades: The Air Force needs $730.7 million to fund upgrades to its workhorse bomber fleet that delivers a majority of all bombs and missiles. These aircraft are projected to have service lives of up to 80 years, and this funding is needed to keep them operating and as capable as possible.

Fighter Upgrades: The Air Force needs $640.9 million to fund upgrades to the A–10, F–15, and F–16 fighters to upgrade avionics, increase reliability and mission capable rates, and enhance survivability.

Stored Munitions: The Air Force needs $127 million to replace obsolete munitions that are prepositioning quiet over seas with modern precision guided munitions.


Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the rest of my colleagues to condemn the terrorist attack on the United States and to express my sympathy to the victims of this horrific action. The destruction of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was a frontal assault on the United States and our people. strawberries of life. Democracy and freedom will not yield to these cowardly acts. I have great faith in the citizens of this country, and the heroic and selfless acts witnessed in response to this tragedy are a testament to the strength of the American people.

We stand here today to further demonstrate the resolve of this great nation. The government is functioning normally, and Congress is in session. We come together today, Democrats and Republicans, to send the unmistakable message to the world that this country will not be intimidated. We will honor the President and authorize any action necessary—employing all of the resources at the disposal of the U.S. government—to identify, track down, and bring to justice the perpetrators of this despicable act.

The attack yesterday was the single worst terrorist event in U.S. history. The bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 claimed 2,400 lives. Estimates indicate that thousands of lives were lost yesterday. My prayers are with the victims and their families, as they deal with the impact of their loss. I will take some time to fully understand the human toll that was exacted on September 11, 2001. But we already know that the United States will stand tall and survive, with liberty and justice for all, now and forever.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues in sadness and anger, as our nation has paid severely for its love for freedom. Yesterday, those who have long practiced terror against the innocent revealed that their capacity for evil truly knows no bounds. They struck at America because America embodies what they hate: prosperity born of liberty; the triumph of diversity; and the pursuit of justice at home and abroad.

While the entire nation mourns the loss of innocent life, many families in Massachusetts are experiencing loss on a personal level as two of the airplanes used in this attack began their journey Massachusetts.

My thoughts and prayers are with those who lost friends and loved ones too young, too soon. No words of sympathy can ease their pain; no acts can restore what they have lost. Our responsibility to them above all is to honor and recall those who died and bring those responsible for their deaths to justice.

Those who visited violence on citizens of this nation will feel America’s might. We pursue them without joy but with a firm resolve to prevent future tragedy.

Today is a day for mourning and remembrance. In the days to come, we must take a hard look at the state of our defenses against terrorism. It is a delicate task to prevent terror while preserving the civil liberties that have long distinguished our nation. We must reevaluate ourselves to finding a balance that both protects and empowers our people. And we must never, ever let down our guard.

Terrorism may spill blood on our shores. But it cannot extinguish our nation’s faith in the principles which motivated its founding and have guided its history. America will endure, stronger tomorrow than today, ever a beacon of hope and inspiration to the entire world.

While I recognize that this list may be incomplete, I wish to honor and remember the men, women and children of Massachusetts who died at the hands of terror yesterday, and whose names will forever testify to America’s commitment to freedom:

John Ogonowski, Dracut, Mass.
Anna Williams Allison, Stoneham, Mass.
Robin Caplin, Natick, Mass.
Jeffrey Coombs, Abington, Mass.
David DiMeglio, Wakefield, Mass.
Paige Farley Hackel, Newton, Mass.
Alex Filipov, Concord, Mass.
Kurt Blankenfeld, Bellingham, Mass.
Roberta M. Bassil, Newton, Mass.
Jane Orth, Haverhill, Mass.
David Retik, Needham, Mass.
Richard Ross, Newton, Mass.
Bill Weems, Marblehead, Mass.
Garnet “Ace” Bailey, Lynnfield, Mass.
Mark Bavis, West Newton, Mass.
John Cahill, Wellesley, Mass.
Lynn Goodchild Altschuler, Newton, Mass.
Peter Hans, Sudbury, Mass.
Susan Huns, Marshfield, Mass.
Christine Hansen, Massachusetts.
James E. Hayden, Westford, Mass.
Ruth McCourt, Westford, Mass.
Juliana Vasquez, Westford, Mass.
Jesus Sanchez, Hudson, Mass.
Brian D. Sweeney, Barnstable, Mass.
Jessica Sachs, Billerica, Mass.
Alex Filipov, Concord, Mass.
Kenneth Kallab, Methuen, Mass.
Peter Hashem, Tewksbury, Mass.
Betty Ong, Andover Mass.
Douglas Gowell, Methuen, Mass.

Frederick Rimmele, Marblehead, Mass.
Robert Albright, Swampscott, Mass.
Dianne Snyder, Westport, Mass.
Louis Neal Mariani, formerly of Dracut, Mass.
Marie Pappalardo, formerly of Methuen and Lawrence, Mass.

Memories of them will always be with us.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in shock, horror, and outrage over the indescribable tragedy that has engulfed our nation.

Yesterday, extremists hijacked our own domestic airplanes and used them as missiles in a horrific terrorist attack against the symbols of American economic and military strength.

No words can fully describe the sense of loss that we and other members of our American family feel. The lives of thousands of families were shattered among yesterday’s rubble and we grieve with them.

No American was left untouched by yesterday’s events. We each risked our own lives at risk. From the employee of the World Trade Center who carried a disabled woman on his back down dozens of floors to safety, to the firefighters and police officers who lost their lives running into burning buildings, to airplane passengers who performed tremendous acts of heroism that will forever remain unsung, to the thousands who gave blood and volunteered to help in any way they could. There are so many examples of selfless acts by Americans who, despite their own crises, worked to ease the tragedy of those around them.

We also cannot forget the courage of tens of thousands of federal employees who reported for work today despite the fear and vulnerability they cannot help but feel.

Yesterday’s terrorist attack was an act of pure evil, but the foundations of American democracy remain intact and strong. As incomprehensible as it is to understand how our lives will be changed, one thing is certain—the United States Government will seek out those responsible, avenge these attacks, and take firm action against the cowards who are responsible.

America is at war. We will remain vigilant and we trust that all civilized nations of the world will join us in our determined fight to uphold democracy and the rule of law.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, America grieves for the victims of these terrorist attacks, and for their families and friends. Our prayers are with them and our hearts go out to those who have endured unbearable loss. Our most hopeful thoughts are with those who have risked their lives in heroic rescue efforts. In this grim moment, we must be resolute in protecting the fabric of our democracy and the individual freedoms that make America a great nation. As we grieve, we cannot let terrorists win by turning the United States into a police state.

America must remain calm because such calm is essential to preserving our liberties. America must bring to justice those responsible for these cowardly deeds. We must be cautious about rolling back freedoms at home or placing blame in the wrong place.

America must continue to be a beacon of democracy for the world. Let this sad moment cause all governments and all people of good
will around the world to unite and to move together to challenge and uproot those who have destructive goals which seek to create death and drive the world toward chaos. Now, more than ever, America must continue to be a force for peace in the world. We must not let the terrorists win.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today we come together as a nation to mourn the victims of yesterday's abominable terrorist attacks, offer our deepest condolences to their families and friends, honor the courageous rescue workers who lost their lives in the line of duty, and condemn in the strongest possible terms those responsible for these monstrous acts.

No words can adequately express our shock, our sadness, and our tremendous loss from this terrible tragedy. The great promise of the new millennium has been forever tarnished by these unfathomable acts of barbarism.

It is almost impossible to comprehend the hatred that motivated the perpetrators to take the lives of so many innocent men, women and children. This was truly an act of pure evil.

We must never forget these heinous attacks and the many victims that perished. But even as we ponder the sheer horror of yesterday's events, we must not allow ourselves to become paralyzed by fear and apprehension. This is exactly what the terrorist hoped to achieve. We must deny them any semblance of victory.

In the trying times, we are once again reminded of the strength and fortitude of the American people, and the power of our shared beliefs in freedom, liberty and justice. The firefighters and police officers who sacrificed their lives to help those in need, the thousands of people lining up around the country to donate blood, and the countless others that have come forward to offer assistance typify the essence of the American spirit. This is something no terrorist attack can ever extinguish.

We will spare no effort or expense in tracking down the cowardly thugs responsible for planning and carrying out these unprecedented attacks. There will be no place for them to hide, no sanctuary in which they can cower. We will seek them out wherever they are and see that justice is done.

If our enemies believed that the American people would shrink in the face of terror, then they were wrong. Instead, they will learn—as our fœs have learned in the past—that adversity only strengthens our resolve. We will fight and win the war against international terrorism, and from this battle will emerge a freer world.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America walked through the eye of terror's perfect storm.

Thousands of American families were hideously drafted into a war that they, and most of us, only dimly perceived and little understood.

But today we emerge from the ashes of hate and the horror of evil reminded that America has an historical mission in the world—to hold up freedom's light and combat it against every and all attempts to snuff it out.

William Lloyd Garrison once said: With reasonable men, I will reason, with humane men I will plead; but to tyrants I will give no quarter, nor waste arguments where they will certainly be lost.

Today, the Congress is saying, for the world to hear, that: With reasonable men we will reason; With humane men we will plead; but to agents of modern terror, we will give no quarter nor waste our arguments.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, September 11, 2001, the most horrific terrorist attack in the history of the world was perpetrated against the people of the United States of America. Some have compared this attack to Pearl Harbor, but I do not. While Pearl Harbor was awful, it was a surprise attack against a military installation. Yesterday's cowardly attack was targeted solely against citizens. This was no Pearl Harbor, but something far worse.

Our nation, especially the people of New York City, are not in a position to begin to understand the catastrophic amount of death and destruction which yesterday's attack wrought upon us. It will take time before many of us can fully evaluate the true atrocities that have taken place and begin the process of absorbing and then accepting the events of September 11, 2001. But no one was untouched by these events. All of our lives have been altered forever.

I was in New York at the time of the attack on the World Trade Center and saw with my own eyes the complete destruction that befell a once great structure. Worse than that, I saw the trauma on the faces of the people who may never see or speak to their loved ones again.

What we have witnessed are unforgettable sights. For the rest of our lives, and beyond, people with watch video of a plane crashing into the World Trade Center, of the Pentagon burning uncontrollably, and perhaps most terrible of all, two one hundred-ten story buildings tumbling to the earth. These are horrible images, burned forever into the American consciousness.

But beyond those ghastly sights, yesterday's tragedy brought us with sights I will never forget. Inspirational visions of Americans coming together to help fight these cowardly acts; coming together to show that even though terrorists can bring down buildings, terrorism cannot defeat the freedom and patriotism in the hearts of all Americans. People commonly saw how hard and cynical New Yorkers are—but yesterday New Yorkers lined up to give blood, donate supplies and cook meals to help the rescuers and the rescued alike. New York's firemen and policemen came to the rescue and saved many lives, while sacrificing far too many of their own.

These acts of compassion have brought our nation together.

Every member of this body will come out today and denounce these events, calling upon the people of this great country to rally to the cause. We know that we will not bow down to terrorism, that the people of the United States will fight back against whatever terrorists throw our way.

As I watched the people lining up to give blood, and heard the outspoken anger of people across this country on every news station the next day, I realized that America has already begun to strike back. The way terrorists win is to frighten innocent people, to make them change their lives. The American people have demonstrated a complete unwillingness to let that happen.

Mr. Speaker, we grieve for the thousands of people who lost their lives in New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania. And my heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of the families throughout our country who are today mourning a missing loved one. But we do not grieve for America or for the ideas of freedom upon which our country is based. They continue to thrive and without a doubt, they will guide us through these troubled times.

May God bless America and all Americans.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001 will long stand as one of the darkest days in U.S. history. But in the aftermath of those heinous attacks on our nation, the world has seen us in what may well be our finest hours.

With each passing hour after of the attacks on our nation's most enduring symbols, we have proved to the world that we will fight back and not sweep away our anger and grief at the impact on our neighbors. All across the land, people were lining up to donate blood, giving their time at hospitals to treat victims and offering an untold amount of assets to the common cause of the disaster recovery. And we now know that the earliest heroes of this unprecedented tragedy even sacrificed their lives to spare far more Americans and their government from further horror. We thank all those who have risen to the challenge, and the many more sure to come to our aid in this time of crisis. You all exemplify what is best about our country and why we endure in good times and bad.

Diverse and independent as we Americans are, we have never lost our underlying national unity. Our freedoms allow us to question other's views, and to publicly criticize our government. We are able to challenge the underlying principles of every public policy, and we are proud to do so for all Americans and the world to view. Some perceive those differences in opinion as a sign of weakness to be exploited, but they are what weave together a broad tapestry that makes America and allows it to thrive as a superpower.

Indeed, we are a people of many heritages, customs, religions and political viewpoints. It is not surprising that we have often found ourselves disagreeing on social policies, programs and personal value issues. But no one should mistake that for a lack of the most important traditional “family value” of all—that as Americans.

No matter what our religious beliefs, we can join together for a moment of silence. We can stand with our back to the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. And even when we disagree, we have often found ourselves arising, standing up, and speaking out to defend our country and our way of life.

Parched by hatred and fear, we have often found ourselves the bastions of our defense. And we will continue to do so. The American people have a record of victory behind them, and a future of victory before them.
bind us may be flexible, but they are stronger than ever. It should be clear today that we will always join together when our national security is threatened, and we will do what is necessary to protect us. Unfortunately, some individuals are more committed to extremism in the name of religion rather than freedom. They will go to any lengths to achieve their goals and show their commitment to the cause. Undercutting adversaries—whether real or perceived—is more important than abiding by the laws of their religion. They are threatened by the United States, and our willingness to defend other freedom-loving people under seige. But they are not able to take us on in the open, in the naked light of world opinion, because they know they are destined to lose that battle. And they don’t have the capability or he human resources to confront us military. So they strike out in the kind of cowardly acts of violence we saw yesterday—seeking desperate revenge on those who challenge them and hoping to undermine our will.

It should be clear to everyone following this tragedy that the terrorists have not succeeded in their suicide mission. In fact, world opinion has totally turned against them. Those who supported this deadly mission and any future would-be terrorists need to understand one thing: their attempts to undermine us has only strengthened our resolve to protect our interests. And protect them we will.

Our nation is grieving its losses, and I share in offering my sympathy to the many families and neighbors who have lost loved ones to this senseless crime against humanity. We are grateful for the many individuals who have come to the aid of their fellow citizens, and are humbled by the acts large and small. But as we respond to this tragedy, we will not ignore the need to protect our security interests. We will stand one hundred percent behind our government in its efforts to respond. Rest assured, we will dedicate no less effort or resources to tracking down the perpetrators of these deadly attacks than we have to the humanitarian efforts we will extend in support of those who acted against our country and all who enabled them—wherever they may be. We will not relent until we are satisfied that all have been accounted for and brought to justice, and that the world understands that the cost of terrorism or freedoms is too high.

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday will forever mar American history. We will long remember the horrible tragedy that was inflicted on thousands of innocent men, women and children. While the hearts and prayers of our nation go out to the victims and their families, we must very firmly fix our sights on finding those responsible. They must be brought to justice and they must pay the price. In listening to the President’s address last evening, I wholeheartedly endorse his statement that any person or group of persons that operated a role in either carrying out these horrific deeds or sheltering those who are responsible must be held accountable.

The World Trade Center has been a target of terrorism before. We have been warned that major terrorist activities would occur on U.S. soil. Yesterday’s attack required sophisticated planning and coordination. Dozens, if not hundreds of people, had to be part of the plot to bring these attacks into fruition. Others clearly assisted the terrorists. They must be found and they must be punished.

The acts that we perpetrated against the United States yesterday were a willful act of destruction to destabilize our American democracy. The acts were meant to threaten our freedom. In fact, they have failed. The American people will not be intimidated by the threats of faceless, cowardly terrorists. We will not live in fear. Our attackers have underestimated the will and resolve of the American people. The country is united today more strongly than before yesterday’s terrorist attack. We are united in purpose: to hunt down and eliminate the individuals and organizations who commit, support, and ferment these acts of evil. We will not rest until we find and destroy all of the terrorists who are responsible for committing these acts.

A free Nation cannot be truly free until the threat of terrorism is extinguished. Any our Nation will be free—the United States of America—shall pay whatever the price to remain free.

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, as we move from the shock and anger of yesterday’s terrorist attack, we must take action to protect every American.

We suffered an intelligence failure similar to Pearl Harbor. We must identify how our intelligence agencies failed to prevent this attack and correct the problem. We must lift restrictions on our agents operating abroad and provide them with the tools they need to defeat terrorists who attack Americans.

Our aviation security system also failed. We need sky marshals on every flight while applying the lessons from airlines like Israel’s El Al that operate safely under terrorist threat. We will work with manufacturers, airlines and pilots to secure cockpits from any attempt to commande the aircraft.

Our military and intelligence establishment won the cold war, but must now be reformed to master the threats of a new century. Terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, cyber-attack and ballistic missiles are the new threats to our freedom. We must build a Global Alliance Against Terrorism with our key allies in NATO, the Middle East and Asia. If this attack was delivered by foreign terrorists, we will hunt them down. Terrorists cannot operate without the support of governments. If we find a foreign government provided aid for this attack, that government will face the full might of the United States and our allies.

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Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, at 9:43 A.M. on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, I was at the United States Capitol giving a tour of the Capitol Dome when I saw a burst of fire, then a mushroom cloud and smoke billowing out of the Pentagon.

At first, I thought the explosion occurred in nearby housing developments. It could not be the Pentagon. But no, it was much too close. The Pentagon was on fire.

I left my office exactly one minute before the second airliner crashed into the World Trade Center, and I did not know at first that the United States had been the victim of terrorist attacks. Quickly, though, I could see that something was terribly wrong and was ushered to the families, who were safe.

Like everyone else, I was shocked and saddened at the events of that day. These were senseless and cowardly attacks on our freedom and our liberty. These acts will not go unpunished.

We, as Americans, have a tremendous ability to join together and unite in times of need. We have seen this in the record number of citizens throughout the nation rushing to blood banks to donate blood. My district office in Stockton, California, has been flooded with calls from people wanting to help.

In 1994, when we were faced with the potential of sending United States forces into Bosnia, and again in 1998 facing a potential conflict with Iraq, I presented five parameters to guide decisions to commit our armed forces to overseas conflict. We must:

1. Protect territories belonging to the United States.
2. Preserve our political and economic system from foreign threats.
3. Keep sea lanes open for trade, and maintain free and voluntary trade between the United States and trading partners.
4. Prevent domination of strategic areas of the globe by powers hostile to the existence and interests of the United States.
5. Safeguard Americans and their property from acts of terrorism.

These acts have affected each and every one of us, but our resolve is unshaken and our courage as a people is solid. And so, our duty as a nation is to unite behind President George W. Bush to take whatever steps necessary to apprehend these cowardly thugs and bring a swift and just punishment.

To the families who have either received the news of the death of a loved one, or are holding out hope that their loved one will be recovered safely, my prayers, and the prayers of all Americans are with you. I knew one of the victims, and understand the pain.

I stand firmly behind our President in this hour of crisis. The United States of America will continue to shine as a beacon of hope and freedom to nations throughout the world.

There is nothing any terrorist can ever do to change our Democracy.

May God bless America.

Beth Rosenberg, Legislative Assistant:

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, America suffered the most heinous acts of violence and cowardice in her history yesterday, and it is with a heavy heart and a strong will that I address this body here today.

As we mourn the loss of yesterday’s victims and offer our hopes and prayers to the families that have been shattered, it is important that the United States remain resolute. Our friends and enemies alike must understand that we will not, under any circumstances, be divided by terror or deterred from the defense of freedom here and abroad. Our spirits will not be broken, nor will the resiliency of this nation.

This nation, and this Congress, will unite behind our President to deliver this message to the world with swift and certain punishment for those who committed this crime against freedom.

In the meantime, I am moved by the country’s outpouring of love, support, and assistance in this time of need. And to those who...
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anxiously await and anguish over the unknown fate of their loved ones in New York and here in Washington—I hope you can find some comfort in Ezekial 34:11–13.

For to the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered... and I will bring them into their own land.

God bless America.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank the honorable Chairman for yielding me this time.

Today, first and foremost, our hearts go out to the victims and families affected by yesterday’s sad and shocking attacks. The stories of tragedy, and the compelling stories of heros, that have begun to emerge from the smoke and shattered buildings will forever be a part of this black day that has been burned into our national memory.

But these days that follow be remembered not just for our sadness and anger, but for our national resolve. As a nation, we must now pull together to overcome this vicious attempt to break our national spirit.

Those responsible for yesterday’s horrific events have seriously miscalculated the strength and resolve of Americans. Our sense of security may be temporarily unsteadied, but our unity is emboldened. Our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any individual, than any building, than any monument. No act of violence, no knives or sharpened razors, can sever them. We will not be intimidated by cowards.

We will remain committed until those responsible learn the steep cost of taking innocents, women, infant, and children to perpetuate a barbarous attack upon America’s and the world’s liberty. The name of liberty remains bright and will continue to shine upon the world, casting deep into that dark shadows of violence, intolerance, and extremism. There will be no corner of the earth where the demons of September 11th will be safe from justice.

Our country has been shaken and bloodied, but today the United States Congress speaks with one, unified voice. We speak to our friends to say we thank you for your support, aid, and prayers. To those responsible for yesterday’s unprovoked acts of war—today— we will declare war on you.

You have awakened our anger, and you will be vanquished. You, who have perpetrated these acts of terror will be brought to justice, and we will leave you no quarter. The full force of America’s might and wrath is going to be brought to bear on those who assaulted freedom.

We have entered a new chapter in our national history—and as we have done so many times in our past, we will be victorious. I urge my colleagues to support this Resolution of Condemnation. God bless America.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, Americans must defeat evil and uphold our Constitution. September 11, 2001 will be remembered in history. September 12, 2001, is a national day of unity and mourning. Therefore, we must unite in our response to an unconventional asymmetric act of war against our freedom. We must unite in our resolve to take the steps necessary to defeat the forces of evil that deliberately targeted thousands of innocent men, women, and children with the barbarous attack upon America’s and the world’s preeminent symbols of democracy, a free market economy, and its military defense. We
must equally be united and vigilant in our re-
solve to protect and preserve the rights en-
dowed upon us by our Creator.

We must reaffirm the purpose of our gov-
ernment in our democratic republic as stated in our Constitution’s Preamble:

“We the People of the United States, in
order to form a more perfect Union, establish
justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide
for the common defense, promote the general
welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to
ourselves and our posterity do ordain and es-
tablish this Constitution of the United States of
America.”

In responding to this heinous attack, we
must reaffirm our commitment to uphold our
Constitution, including the rights guaranteed to
every American in the Bill of Rights. These
precious rights have been secured by the
blood and sacrifices of Americans for more
than 225 years. I am confident in the ability of
this day’s generation of Americans to honor
those sacrifices and the memories of those
killed in the attacks on September 11, 2001.
We have an obligation to overcome this latest
calamity to freedom while honoring our Con-
stitution and preserving the rights it guaran-
tees for all our brothers, our children, and our chil-
dren’s children.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, as we
come together today, in continued shock and
deep mourning our hearts go out to all who
lost loved ones, friends, and colleagues in
yesterday’s tragic attacks. As the terrible
course of events unfolded yesterday, our na-
ton drew together in shared grief and in
strong support for one another—especially for
the families of those killed or injured. We need
to do all we can to help them now and in the
wrenching weeks ahead.

We must preserve the solidarity now shared
by all Americans and our allies in other coun-
tries in the wake of this horrific act of war. We
are resolved to bring those responsible for
this atrocity to justice—swift and sure—and make
clear that America, that freedom itself, will
never be held hostage to terror. An act of war
has been committed against the United
States, and we are justified in considering a
war against those who planned, executed, and enabled yester-

day’s terrorist strikes. In this, we stand
ready to support our President as the Com-
mmander in Chief of our country.

With a fresh awareness of our vulnerability,
we must move forward to secure our nation.
With hope that cannot be defeated, we must
turn to what is best within us, put aside our
differences, respond to the continuing crisis and begin the process of rebuilding. In search-
ing for this hope, amid the sorrow, we need
only turn to the firefighters, police officers,
medics, and rescue workers who have put
their lives on hold—and often in mortal dan-
ger—to respond to this crisis. Their courage,
determination, and action are examples for us all.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with
a heavy heart to denounce the savage,
senseless and cowardly attacks upon our citi-
zens, our property and two of our most en-
dearing symbols of national strength in yester-
day’s terrorist attacks on Washington, New
York City and our nation’s passenger airlines.

We have lived for years under the threat of
terrorism and have thwarted several significant
plots. We have invested a great amount of
time and money to try and create an effective
system of countermeasures. Unfortunately, we
have now seen just how far some people will
go to harm the United States and what we
stand for.

No political or religious agenda could ever
justify the hideous atrocities committed yester-
day, and America will have to respond appro-
priately to ensure that those who would use
terror against this country are never again in
the position to strike us.

As an international hub of commerce, the
World Trade Center contained the offices of
individuals from around the world who have
suffered as a result of this attack. For that rea-
son, this was not only an attack on America,
but on all the nations of the world that trade
with us.

The mood is somber here in Washington
today, but we are here and our government is
working. Because of our society and our free-
doms, we are always going to survive.
This heinous act will undoubtedly gain a new
urgency to reduce the risks we face from ter-
orism.

It is also critical for our allies and the entire
world community to speak in one voice and
say “Terrorism in any form is wrong, and it will
no longer be tolerated anywhere in the world.
America has been hurt by these attacks, but
we are far from defeated. We will care for our
wounded and we will mourn those who lost
their lives. We will then repair the physical
damage to our institutions and seek out those
who perpetrated this atrocity to justice.

We will have justice and we will emerge from
this catastrophe stronger than before.

As Ohio’s Seventh District Representative to
the Congress of the United States, my thou-
gaths and prayers are with those who have
been affected by these attacks and their fami-
lies. I would ask for all Americans to continue
to pray for our nation in the difficult days
ahead.

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with
a heavy heart to express my deepest sorrow for
the victims and the victims’ families of yester-

day’s tragedy. Although I know that it offers lit-
tle solace, I hope that the families of those
maimed and murdered in this tragedy know
that the prayers and thoughts of our entire na-
tion are with them in their time of grief.

Make no mistake about it, we will find and
punish those responsible for this horrific act.
Today we grieve, Mr. Speaker, not just for the
slain victims and their families, but also for all
Americans. America has been attacked
through a cowardly act of war. Unlike previous
conflicts, we now face a nameless and face-
less enemy.

There is an old saying: you can run, but you
can’t hide! To those responsible for yester-

day’s atrocities—we will hunt you down and
the punishment will be swift and severe.

Threatening this nation and its symbols must
always be resilient. As Ronald Reagan often
said, “America stands as the shining light on the
hill for all the world to see.” Unfortunately, as
the symbol of freedom and democracy, we serve
as a constant target for the forces of evil
around the globe. America will rise from these
ashes stronger and more resolute than ever!

We often find that rather than be beaten,
times of tragedy bring out the best in Ameri-
cans. This strength is what made our nation
great—and what will ensure America’s contin-
gued greatness. The efforts of the first respond-
ers in New York and Washington have been
nothing short of heroic. I have said there was
time again that it was not a matter of if a terrorist
attack of epic proportions would hit our nation,
but when. Sadly, the “when” occurred at 8:45
Tuesday morning. Had it not been for the
trained first responders, the loss of life could
have been double or triple the current known
death toll. Sadly, many of those evacuating the
World Trade Center became casualties in the
buildings’ collapse. Our gratitude and pray-
er and go out to them and all the victims of
this senseless act of terror.

Those who have perpetrated this crime
must know that the United States will not allow
this injustice to go unpunished. Today we
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Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday
America suffered a cowardly attack upon free-
dom itself.

Today, our first responsibility must be to
respond to the victims, and their families, in
their hour of greatest need. This barbaric act is
horrible in both its enormity, and in its closeness.
We have all been touched forever. Brady
Howell, the husband of one of my office family
members, is still among the missing. Our pray-
ers are with Liz and all of the families who
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As we have been so painfully reminded—
freedom is never free. It is now our duty to
remind the world that freedom is also never
afraid.

We must send an unmistakable message to
the world that we will spare no expense or ef-
fort to track down all those responsible and
ensure they never strike again.

These attacks were an act of war, not a crime,
and should be met with a swift and overwhe-
lming response.

The world must know there is no middle
ground in this war, you either stand with us
against terror, or you stand with the terrorist.
Our friends will confidently stand with us—our
enemies would fear which is long, our memory is longer and our resolve is
unshakeable. Our fury will be channeled in an
iron fist that will rid the world of this evil in a
swift and terrible blow.

All Americans must stand united with our
President in condemnation of these unspeak-
able acts. Our strength is not in our buildings
and symbols but in our people and principles.
Let us join together, in this moment of national
tragedy, to show the world our true power. We
have seen evil yesterday and we shall defeat it.

God bless the United States of America.

Mr. KERNS. Mr. Speaker, today, our Nation
mourns the loss of life of so many innocent
people as a result of this cowardly, insane at-
tack. Today, we cannot fully understand or ex-
plain this vicious act, but we can pray that the
tragic loss of life and injuries to so many will
not be without some redemption. This tragedy
can and must bring the nations of the free
world together—united to bring an end to ter-
rorism that has permeated the world. This has
not been easily ac-

complished, but we must lead the effort. Rest
assured, freedom and the powers of good will
prevail.
We, the people of west central Indiana, we in the Congress stand united with the President to spare no expense or resource to bring to justice those responsible for this unjustifiable, heartless act. This evil must be removed from our world. Anything less is unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support the resolution.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's horrific, cowardly attack on the United States was a senseless act of terrorism by enemies who abhor America's principles of freedom and justice. The terrorists who perpetrated this attack, however, have a miscalculated view of America: they believe we are weak, but we are strong; they believe we will cower in fear, but we will stand tall in solidarity; they believe they can break our resolve, but our unity will only be strengthened.

First and foremost, my heart goes out to the victims and the victims' families of this terrible, horrific attack. The Congress of the United States, the American people, stands with you in this time of sorrow and tragedy.

Our thoughts and prayers also go to the firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses, ambulance teams, hospital workers and all public servants who are working to rescue survivors and to care for the injured. Your heroic efforts will be long remembered.

Even as we care for our citizens who have been victimized by this horrible crime, the resources of our government must now be directed toward finding those who caused these acts of violence and bringing them to justice. We must also examine the ways in which we allocate our resources to defend ourselves, and we, as leaders, must critically review how we allocate our resources to prevent such acts of violence.

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we all witnessed in shock and disbelief the worst terrorist attack in the history of this great country. America was attacked by a faceless enemy, a coward in the shadows. Many innocent lives were shattered by these horrendous acts of terrorism. I fully support the President's efforts to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice. I am confident that justice will be served and that these crimes will not remain unpunished.

Our deepest sympathies go to those who yesterday lost their loved ones in Washington and New York. May God Almighty give them peace and comfort them in their grief.

Terrorism will not undermine the strength of this nation and the will of our people. There are still many questions in our hearts. As we look for answers, let us work together through these difficult times. America is at war against the forces of terror and destruction. Peace, liberty, and democracy will prevail. America will prevail.

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in complete unity with my colleagues in this great body to condemn the most horrific acts of terrorism in our world's history.

Our country mourns together today for the victims of yesterday's brutal, cowardly attacks against our way of life and their loved ones. We commend and thank the heroic efforts of the thousands of rescue workers who at this hour search tirelessly for the victims and survivors of this national tragedy.

Make no mistake, what happened yesterday in New York City and our nation's capital was a deliberate Act of War against the United States of America and as assault upon the freedoms of people worldwide. When the hijackers steered our civilian airliners into the financial and military centers, they attacked our culture, liberties, and way of life.

Since our founding, America has served as a symbol of freedom and stands today as the beacon of the Western world. Under the Department of Defense, they not only targeted America's financial and military centers, they attacked our culture, liberties, and way of life.

Our country's history has been forever changed. America will go on. We will continue to fight and bring those responsible to justice. We will not allow this act of terrorism to dictate how we live. We will go on and we will be stronger than ever.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, like the millions of other Americans who arrived at work Tuesday morning ready for another day, I was deeply shaken and in utter disbelief at the nightmarish events which unfolded before the nation's eyes in New York, Washington, D.C. and in rural Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, this was an act of a direct and coordinated attack that is unprecedented in our country's history. Terrorist forces have declared all out war on the United States and the American people, and in response we must declare war on all terrorists regardless of what banner they fly or, what country they seek safe harbor in.

The innocence of this nation has been shattered and our peoples' peaceful way of life has been forever changed. My thoughts and prayers are with those injured, the families of the victims, and those who lost their lives yesterday in these attacks, and those brave Americans desperately trying to recover the victims.

In response to horrific injury, loss of life and destruction of our national institutions, the government and the people have rallied together to defend our country and our liberty.

I am very proud of our President for his quick response to this national crisis and I fully support the President's efforts to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

This Congress and this government will work with relentless resolve to bring to justice those of these United States and her allies to bear upon the perpetrators of these heinous crimes. They will be brought to justice. I look forward to working in steadfast dedication with my colleagues and with the President in avenging these unspeakable acts.

May God bless America.
support and endorse all efforts now underway to track down and swiftly punish those responsible for these despicable acts against America and her citizens.

America's response has been put to the test like no other time in living memory. We must respond to these terrible acts of cowardice and evil with decisive and overwhelming military force to annihilate those who planned and ordered these attacks on innocent Americans. America is the greatest nation in the history of the world and its greatness will not be diminished by these unspeakable acts of terrorism and fear. To those who would seek to destroy our land, let me be clear. We will not only survive these attacks, but will become stronger in the process as citizens band together to show the world that Americans cannot and will not be defeated.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001 will be a date forever frozen in American history. We will never forget the sickening sight of the Pentagon being attacked by hijacked airplanes. We will not rest until the criminals who committed these terrible acts are made to pay. We will always remember the thousands of innocent people who were killed, and the heartbreak that weighs so heavily on their families and friends.

But the terrorists did not win. Because while America mourns today, we know from our history that liberty and decency ultimately triumph over tyranny and hate. These fanatics struck with unimaginable might at two symbols of our strength—the financial district that fuels our economy and the fortress of our national defense system—but the United States still stands.

As the Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, I watched solemnly as the World Trade Center, a towering icon of American and world finance, collapsed into clouds. But our capital markets will survive and thrive, continuing their critical role in our economy. I have been talking with federal regulators and financial industry leaders, including Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, and plan to work with them to assure consumers, savers, and investors that our systems remain fundamentally sound.

As a former FBI agent, I have long been concerned about terrorism. We need to recognize, as the National Commission on Terrorism did last year, that the threat is changing—from state-sponsored terrorism that targeted Americans overseas, to the shadowy acts of mass violence against civilians we experienced in its most evil force yesterday.

Even the World Trade Center and the Pentagon again. But to be taken seriously, our vow must be backed up with adequate resources. Despite space age technological surveillance, my experience is that there is no substitute for good ground-level intelligence. It’s tougher to do, but it is the cornerstone of our intelligence resources and support that will allow them to make the personal contacts that provide information you can’t get anywhere else.

One fear I have is that our law enforcement officials are falling behind in their ability to monitor the communications of international terrorists in the less and Internet era. There was a newspaper article this year, and maybe we will find it pre-scient, on Osama bin Laden’s use of encrypted messages. Our authorities will forever be a step behind the terrorists if they do not have the legal authority and technical ability to intercept such communications.

Safety and security are only as good as our communities are prepared to respond to terrorist acts. Think about the crush- ing demand being placed on hospitals and emergency teams in New York City and Washington. How would other communities with far fewer facilities and trained personnel respond if they were made targets?

This Congress and President will do everything that must be done to respond to these disastrous incidents. We will move ahead to protect Americans in this suddenly-uncertain world. And we will continue to mourn the loss of a new breed of patriot—the innocent civilian.

September 11, 2001 will indeed always be frozen in our memory as a horrible day for America. But this day, and the days that follow, are what we will take of them, and history will judge us on our response.

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the victims of yesterday’s terrorist attack, and to reiterate the United States’ firm resolve not to give in to terrorism. I, like all Americans, am shocked and saddened by this horrible attack. I want to extend my sympathy to the families and friends of the victims. Even one death would have been tragic. A disaster of this size is simply beyond human comprehension. And yet each of the thousands of families directly affected by this attack needs our consolation and support. We all ache with grief for their loss, and we will work to hold the individuals, groups, or states who participated in these despicable attacks accountable for their actions.

In the wake of this attack, life in this country will inevitably change. In big ways and small, we will have to adapt to a threat that is ever-present and yet mostly invisible.

Terrorist attacks are so brutally effective in part because they are usually unexpected, and because they are so difficult to guard against. It is hard to create uncertainty, doubt, timidity, fear, and even panic out of proportion to the threat that they actually present.

We must work to protect our people from terrorist attack. Accomplishing that goal will require the dedication of substantial additional resources to combating terrorism. We must also accept the probability that despite the best efforts of our intelligence and law enforcement personnel, some future acts of terrorism will succeed. But, perhaps the most important of all, we must firmly resolve to prevent the terrorists from winning.

In particular, we must not let terrorists destroy the accomplishments of which our nation should be the most proud. While changes in security procedures are apparently required, we should not sacrifice Americans’ remarkable freedom or our civil rights in the battle against terrorism.

I also want to caution my fellow citizens against leaping to unjustified conclusions or taking inappropriate action against other citizens. In this regard, I want to remind the American people that after the Oklahoma City bombing were that foreign agents were responsible for the attack; we subsequently learned that that horrible attack was home-grown. And even if, as has been suggested, Obama bin Laden’s organization is behind this attack, we should not attack or discriminate against Muslims or Arab-Americans. America, we have been told, is a multi-cultural society where Jews, Muslims and Arab-Americans anti-American or pro-terrorist. They are, rather, law-abiding and patriotic citizens who deserve our respect and fellowship. They most definitely do not deserve to be vilified or attacked.

As we consider what action we should take, we must carefully and objectively evaluate the threats we face and the means we might use to address them. It is essential that we not underestimate our enemies in this conflict. They are dedicated, ruthless, and—as yesterday’s attacks proved—willing to sacrifice their own lives for a cause they believe in. That being said, there are a number of reasons for Americans to remain calm and confident. We must recognize that the number of active terrorists grows, and that their resources are limited. We must also remember that most people around the world are as appalled by these attacks as we are, and that they are just as interested as we are in stopping terrorism. We should also remember that most Americans are remarkably safe, while certain symbolic targets may be attacked, the risk for most Americans of experiencing a terrorist attack is still significantly lower than the risk of experiencing commonplace mishaps like heart attacks or traffic accidents. Finally, we must remember that most terrorist attacks are thwarted before they can be carried out; I am certain that Congress will provide the necessary resources to increase security and expand our counter-terrorism operations. Consequently, I am confident that the American people will demonstrate the resolve—and the wisdom—necessary to win this fight.

We can take comfort from the fact that we have dealt with bigger threats in the past. The threats posed by the Axis in World War II and by nuclear weapons during the Cold War were both real and potentially much more devastating. The American people rose to those challenges, and they did so admirably. They will rise to this challenge as well.

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Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, America is the most free, most open, most democratic nation in the world and yesterday we paid tremendous price for our freedom. Yesterday’s vicious attack on the United States was a heinous and despicable act of murder targeting innocent American families. The devastation are unspeakable, the consequences are unimaginable. Every single American has been touched by this tragedy, and every American heart is touched by tragedy. As yesterday’s attacks proved—willing to sacrifice their own lives for a cause they believe in. That being said, there are a number of reasons for Americans to remain calm and confident. We must recognize that the number of active terrorists grows, and that their resources are limited. We must also remember that most people around the world are as appalled by these attacks as we are, and that they are just as interested as we are in stopping terrorism. We should also remember that most Americans are remarkably safe, while certain symbolic targets may be attacked, the risk for most Americans of experiencing a terrorist attack is still significantly lower than the risk of experiencing commonplace mishaps like heart attacks or traffic accidents. Finally, we must remember that most terrorist attacks are thwarted before they can be carried out; I am certain that Congress will provide the necessary resources to increase security and expand our counter-terrorism operations. Consequently, I am confident that the American people will demonstrate the resolve—and the wisdom—necessary to win this fight.

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We have come to rely heavily on the benefits of highly technical intelligence capabilities. While these components are important in keeping our people safe worldwide, it cannot replace the need for human skill to infiltrate the ranks of would-be terrorists. Humans infiltrated our security yesterday, not high technology. We must refocus on that lost component of our intelligence and security effort.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, a Japanese Admiral was heard to say I hope we have not awakened a sleeping giant. That sleeping giant has awakened again and it will rise quickly—Americans united behind our President—to punish those who would cripple or destroy our freedom and our people.

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I express my shock and outrage at the attacks that took place yesterday. First and foremost, I send out my prayers and condolences to the thousands of American families most directly affected by this tragic event and the millions of Americans who feel the devastation of such a profound strike at the heart of our Nation.

While our pain is immense our actions will be resolute. We will not stand idly by while those who seek to destroy our democracy wreak havoc on our country and the rest of the world. I say to those who have perpetrated this attack: witness the American resolve evident in the immediate aftermath of these horrendous attacks as our Nation’s citizens band together to help one another in time of need; witness the increased sense of American unity, tradition, pride and patriotism your actions invigorate in the American conscious; witness the undying sense of hope and determination evidenced by the American people.

I say that your attack runs counter to your goals, whatever they may be. You have only increased our determination to spread the American spirit and our belief in freedom and justice to the far corners of the world. You have only strengthened our condemnation of undemocratic institutions, and you have re-signed yourself to the retribution that your evil acts warrant.

God bless America and God help the families and victims of yesterday’s attack.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, the House is meeting today to lend 110 percent support to our Commander-in-Chief, President George W. Bush. Every Member of Congress is completely unified in our support for President Bush to do whatever is necessary to rescue the wounded and attend to the victims and their families, and to identify those responsible for this atrocity, hunt them down, and bring them to justice.

These attacks are an act of war against the people of the United States. We will eradicate these terrorists wherever they may be and punish anyone who harbored them, anyone who gave them a nickel, and anyone who gave them comfort and aid.

Members of Congress are furious and outraged, but we will be thoughtful and deliberative in our response. Above all, we will support our Commander-in-Chief.

As Congress and our President decide how America should respond, we must be sure to remember Benjamin Franklin’s warning that those who “give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”
A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
A message from the Senate by Mr. Durbin, for Mr. Kyl, with the Senate's consent, is referred to the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107–204) on the resolution (H. Res. 236) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS
Mrs. Myrick, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107–204) on the resolution (H. Res. 236) waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as

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A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:
Ms. McCarthy of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 338, H. Con. Res. 61—Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Simpson). Pursuant to the order of the House of earlier today, S. J. Res. 22 is passed.
Without objection, the motion to reconsider S. J. Res. 22 is laid on the table, and H. J. Res. 61 is laid on the table.

There was no objection.

AMERICA WILL NOT REST UNTIL TERRORISTS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE BEFORE THE WORLD
(Ms. Kaptur asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as the profound tragedies in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington flashed before the world, I was struck again by the greatness of our people, their valor, their order, their dignity; indeed, their actions of honor, one by one, shown to the world, loving mercy more than life itself.

As one Member, I can certainly say our Nation will not rest until the terrorists responsible for yesterday's carnage are brought to justice before the entire world.

The AMERICA WILL NOT REST UNTIL TERRORISTS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE BEFORE THE WORLD

September 11, 2001

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF RESPECT TO VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, consistent with the language of the joint resolution just passed, when the House adjourns on this legislative day, it stand adjourned out of respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

The Speaker pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.
The motion was agreed to. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the previous order of the House, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. Suspense orders with respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), on Thursday, September 13, 2001, (legislative day of Tuesday, September 11, 2001), under its previous order, the House adjourned until September 13, 2001, at 10 a.m. out of respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows: 3575. A letter from the Alternate OSD FR Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department’s final rule—TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Nonavailability Statement Requirement for Maternity Care—received August 14, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3576. A letter from the Alternate OSD FR Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Bonus Payments in Medically Underserved Areas—received August 14, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3577. A letter from the Alternate OSD FR Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Expansion of Dependent Eligibility for TRICARE Retiree Dental Program—received August 14, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3579. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee’s final rule—Additions to the Procurement List—received August 14, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3580. A letter from the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Dockets No. 011012013–1013–I; I.D. 083001A] received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3581. A letter from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final rule—V Nonimmigrant Classification for Spouses of U.S. Citizens and Their Children Under the Legal Immigrants program—received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3582. A letter from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, INS, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final rule—‘‘K’’ Nonimmigrant Classification for Spouses of U.S. Citizens and Their Children Under the Legal Immigrants program—received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3583. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Columbia River, Astoria, Oregon [CGD13–01–021] (RIN: 2151–AA97) received August 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3584. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety Zone; Lake Michigan, Pentwater, MI [CGD09–01–087] (RIN: 2151–AA97) received August 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3585. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety Zone; Blue Water Offshore Classic, St. Clair River, MI [CGD09–01–093] (RIN: 2151–AA97) received August 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3586. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety Zone; Irish Festival 2001, Milwaukee Harbor, Wisconsin [CGD09–01–044] (RIN: 2151–AA97) received August 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3587. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety Zone; Lake Erie, Cleveland Harbor, Cleveland, OH [CGD09–01–104] (RIN: 2151–AA97) received August 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3588. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety Zone; Seafair Blue Angels Performance, Lake Washington, WA [CGD09–01–101] the CGD15–AA97 received August 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3589. A letter from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule—Safety Zone; Rochester Angels Performance, Lake Washington, WA [CGD13–01–010] the CGD15–AA97 received August 17, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper committees, as follows:

[September 13 (legislative day of September 11), 2001]

Mrs. MYRICK. Committee on Rules. House Resolution 236. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 107–204). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

[September 12 (legislative day of September 11), 2001]

By Mr. BRADY of Texas:

H.R. 2677. A bill to require that United States assistance may be provided to the government of a foreign country only if a treaty of extradition between that country and the United States is in force, or the government of that country and the United States have entered into negotiations to conclude a treaty of extradition; to the Committee on International Relations.

[By Mr. HOLDEN:]

H.R. 2678. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who...
died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. ROSS (for himself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SHOWS, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 2879. A bill to improve migratory bird management by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WATKINS (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. CONDIT):

H.R. 2860. A bill to amend laws relating to the lands of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations, historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. O’TIGE, Mr. REYES, and Mr. SCHROCK):

H.R. 2861. A bill to authorize emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense to respond to the infrastructure sustainment and restoration crisis and space and repair parts shortages adversely affecting the readiness of the Armed Forces and the quality of life of members of the Armed Forces and their families on military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ARMEY (for himself and Mr. GEPHARDT):

H.J. Res. 61. Joint resolution expressing the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NEY (for himself and Mr. HOYER):

H. Con. Res. 223. Concurrent resolution 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; to the Committee on House Administration; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. EMERSON (for herself and Mr. SKELTON):

H. Con. Res. 224. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that, as a symbol of solidarity following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, every United States citizen is encouraged to display the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

(September 12 (legislative day, September 11), 2001)

H.R. 15: Mr. NUSSELE, Mr. PENCE, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. COOKNEY.

H.R. 19: Mr. GOODE, Mr. MCNINNIS, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 25: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 31: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 154: Ms. DELAURA.

H.R. 537: Mr. FROST.

H.R. 606: Mr. RILEY.

H.R. 606: Mr. ROHRABACHER.

H.R. 770: Mr. MATHISON.

H.R. 876: Mr. GOODE and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 919: Mr. ISA and Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

H.R. 959: Mr. RADANOVICH and Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 966: Mr. MATHESON and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 1011: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 1035: Mr. GORDON and Mr. ROSS.

H.R. 1143: Ms. MCINNIS.

H.R. 1265: Ms. LOFORE.

H.R. 1335: Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WALSH and Mr. BARTON of Texas.

H.R. 1478: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 1509: Mr. LAMPSON and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1543: Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 1556: Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 1701: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H.R. 1734: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 1771: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 1798: Mr. MCNULTY.

H.R. 1908: Mr. RIEBERG.

H.R. 1992: Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. NOHRWOOD, Mr. KELLER, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. BACA.

H.R. 2973: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES

HON. TODD TIAHRT
OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001 is the day the landscape of America was changed forever.

We will rebuild structures, but we cannot rebuild the thousands of loved ones that have been lost to this world forever. Our thoughts and prayer go out to the families and friends of the victims of the reprehensible and cowardly attack against our country. As we attempt to rescue possible survivors and console those who have lost, we begin our determined quest to find their murderers and impose a tough and appropriate punishment.

Make no mistake, the act of war perpetrated against the United States will be met with the full force of the U.S. military. President Bush, Congress and the American people are resolved to take on and defeat the forces of evil that attempt to disrupt our way of life. The principles of democracy in a free and open society are at stake. This is a war against all nations who enjoy the liberties and freedom of democracy, and all peaceful nations should band together in a unified force against those that wreak hatred and terror.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a dark day in America. Today, the light of freedom shines bright and we move forward as the greatest nation in the world.

God bless the victims and their families and God bless America.

ATTACK ON AMERICA

HON. HENRY BONILLA
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a day we never thought we would see in our lifetimes. Unfortunately, we are just learning the depths of the devastation. In the true American spirit, we are also learning about heroes across this country who rose to the challenge to save and comfort their fellow Americans.

President Bush has the full support of this Congress. In the long and months ahead, we must unite to follow through on his pledge to track down those responsible for these cowardly acts against the American people.

Those who have declared war on the American people must now face the full might and power of the United States. Americans will stand strong and will not let these terrorists take our freedom.

The men and women in our Armed Forces serve our country with brave hearts every single day. But today is a new day in their duty, a new day of a monolithic fight against evil. We must provide our military and intelligence agencies with the resources they need to win this fight.

America must stand together with strength and resolve so America remains free, safe and secure. America must stand together in prayer for the lives that were lost. America will prevail and we will win.

God Bless America.

ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, like many Americans, I woke up this morning after not getting much sleep, with a broken heart and a tremendous feeling of sadness and anger. There are still so many questions unanswered and so much emotion tied in our hearts.

While we see these horrible events, feel these tremendous feelings, and listen to these unbearable stories, we must remember that we are Americans. Throughout history Americans have shown the world what freedom is, and more importantly, what freedom costs. While we share this planet with evil, we will not let evil triumph.

To the victims and to the friends and families of those who have perished, I want you to know that your country—your American family—is praying for you and shares this burden with you.

To those responsible for the unspeakable horrors our country has endured, I say to you: You should not sleep another night peacefully, you should not eat another meal without looking over your shoulder, and you should never have rest because we will find you. Justice will be done.

ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES

HON. CLIFF STEARNS
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the bloodiest attack in America history occurred yesterday September 11, 2001—a date which will live in infamy. Life in America, as we know it, will change. Let us as Members of Congress, and more importantly, as Americans resolve to help those families who lost loved ones in the cowardly attacks, and provide the necessary resources to both New York and Washington, DC to aid in the recovery and assist these families.

We will work to identify those responsible for these acts of savagery and bring them to justice. We will also, as the President has mentioned, hold those groups or states that harbor these cowards responsible for what has occurred.

The attacks yesterday remind us of the shock and horror experienced at Pearl Harbor. We must—and will—work to ensure that this kind of barbarism will never occur again.

So my colleagues it is clear that the U.S. is at war like December 7, 1941 but a new kind of war. The U.S. won WWI, WWII and the cold war. But now we must prevail in what could be called the gray war. We will prevail here also.

IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF JAMES L. CUBBAGE, JR., AND JULIA Mast TO THE DELAWARE FIREFIGHTER COMMUNITY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE
OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, during my service as a Member of the House of Representatives, it has been my honor and privilege to rise and pay tribute to organizations and people who really make a difference in the Delaware community. Today, I rise to recognize James L. Cubbage, Jr., President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association (DVFA) and Julia Mast, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the DVFA.

On behalf of my fellow Delawareans I would like to commend these two outstanding individuals, not only for their tireless efforts on behalf of the First State, but for their tremendous contributions to the DVFA and the Ladies Auxiliary of the DVFA.

James L. Cubbage, Jr., has been a tremendously active and influential member of the fire prevention community for years. He has served as an active member of the DVFA since the early 1970’s, is a Board Member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Education Foundation, and also former President of the Delaware Chapter of the IAAI. Jim Cubbage has shown exceptional leadership skills throughout his career, reflected in his election as Director of the DVFA in 1987 and serving in that capacity until 1998, when he was then elected as 2nd Vice President of the DVFA, followed by being elected President in 2000.

Mr. Cubabbage has also worked diligently for the Clayton Fire Company, No. 1, Inc., being a life member, having joined in 1965. There he has served on the Board of Directors for over 15 years and is a former Chief and President. He is a member of the New Castle County Fire Association and former President. He also serves as Chief Deputy Fire Marshall for the state of Delaware. Jim’s devotion and
dedication to fire prevention was acknowledged when he was recognized as “Fireman of the Year” in 1969.

Julia Mast has also played a critical role in keeping our communities safe through her work in the Ladies Auxiliary of the DVFA. Julia has served as a member since 1959, a tribute to her devotion and commitment. She is a charter member and has also served as President of the Clayton Ladies Auxiliary on several different occasions, which is a testimony to her exceptional leadership qualities and hard work. Julia has also shined as an active and enthusiastic member in her local church. Fire service is a long standing tradition in her family and Julia Mast has done a praiseworthy job of keeping this tradition going.

James L. Cubbage, Jr. and Julia Mast are both exemplary models of commitment and excellence and valuable members of the Delaware community. I salute James L. Cubbage, Jr. and Julia Mast for their efforts to keep the Delaware Volunteer Firemen’s Association and Ladies Auxiliary a strong and vital part of Delaware.

THE HORRIFIC ACTIONS OF TERRORISTS

HON. JOHN LINDER
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, when the prayers are said; when the tears are dried; when the bodies are buried—we must go on remembering. Always. The war against terrorism has been casually engaged for nearly thirty years. Now we must get serious and win it.

There are only two sides in this war, ours and the enemy’s. To those who believe that there is a neutral ground we must say that you are on the side of the enemy and we will punish you. To those who believe that they can quietly harbor and help the terrorists we must say that you are the enemy and our military will bring you to your knees. To those who commit these acts we must say that we will find you and kill you.

America has been changed forever through this tragedy. If falls upon us to rebuild the confidence in our society that great nations will not cower, that you will be safe again, that freedom works.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERTA “ROBBIE” RADER

HON. ROY BLUNT
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, all too often in the news, the only young people we hear about are those who are in trouble for one reason or another. It is an honor today to rise and share another. It is an honor today to rise and share these stories. Robbie is active in Student Council where she serves as the Community Service Chair. Because of her personal commitment she has helped build houses through Habitat for Humanity and has volunteered at various shelters for the underprivileged in the community. Robbie also serves as President of her school’s National Honor Society and was on the three-person team from Mt. Vernon that captured the state Future Farmers of America forestry championship this year. To further demonstrate that she is a well rounded person, Robbie has lettered for two years on the school’s track team, is a district champion in hurdles and will be co-valedictorian of her Senior class next spring.

Such a rich menu of accomplishments has not gone unnoticed at the national level. Robbie was just chosen to be the Co-Chair of the Executive Board of the National Association of Student Councils, a position in which she represents seven states. As a member of the national board, she also participates in setting national goals for student councils and directing those activities as co-chair.

It is clear that this young lady is motivated and focused. Part of her commitment is seen in a personal habit of keeping a list of her goals with her everywhere she goes. Robbie has to update the list every six months! Our country would benefit if more could achieve their goals as quickly and stay as committed and focused as Miss Rader.

Robbie has benefited from a supportive family and caring teachers who have encouraged and guided her along the path of learning and achievement. Robbie continues to work relentlessly toward her goals, earning the respect of classmates and teachers. It is a testament to the strength of her character that despite all of her accomplishments, her teachers still praise her as “humble.”

Robbie Rader is leadership in action. It is a comfort to know that young people such as Robbie are preparing themselves today to our future leaders. I know that my Colleagues join me in commending Robbie for her national office and her commitment to excellence in her personal life.

ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRNERN, JR.
of Wisconsin
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. SENSENBERN. Mr. Speaker, September 11, 2001, is a date that will forever be etched in our memories as a day our very way of life was attacked. These acts of cowardice took the lives of innocent souls away from their families and friends. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families who lost loved ones and my thanks go out to all of the emergency personnel who risked their lives to save others.

The perpetrators believe that our weakness is our freedom. They are so wrong. This will unite our country and they will soon know that freedom is our greatest strength. We should support President Bush and we should expeditiously make available all necessary means so that justice can be carried out. God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO WEST HERNANDO MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to pay tribute to the remarkable students and faculty of West Hernando Middle School. West Hernando Middle is located in Hernando County, Florida which is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. The faculty at West Hernando Middle works extremely hard to serve students with highly diverse educational needs, with 23% of its students receiving Exceptional Student Education services ranging from Educational Alternative Treatment classes to classes for gifted students.

In 1995, West Hernando resembled many other middle schools in the district. It was hindered with problems such as overcrowding and poor socioeconomic conditions and it became evident that change was needed. In that same year, Ken Pritz was appointed the new principal of the school. Along with their new principal, students at West Hernando Middle received a new approach to learning. This new approach was founded on the shared vision of the staff that, “We at West Hernando Middle believe that all students can and will learn.”

Building on this vision, Ann Bristol, the graphic arts instructor at the school, came up with the theme known as “Dream Extreme.” Ms. Bristol, a teacher known for her infectious enthusiasm and ability to motivate, encouraged her students to learn by creating many different exciting activities. Her unique teaching methods soon spread throughout the school, consuming the faculty and students.

“Dream Extreme” became reality when in the 1998–99 school year the sixth-grade Gemini Team accepted a challenge to build an 87-foot wooden foot bridge over a water retention area adjacent to the school. Students began using the Internet as well as cable television technology to research and implement the design and construction of the bridge. The project, known as “Bringing the Gap in Education,” was a huge success and the bridge was honored as the cover story for the March 2000 issue of Cable in the Classroom. The entire project was evidence that the transformation of abstract knowledge to an actual application and concrete learning process had indeed “bridged the gap in education.”

During the 1999–2000 academic year, the Gemini Team embarked on a second project, equally as interesting, just as difficult and even more ambitious than the first. Working alongside the Southwest Florida Water Management District, students began researching the process of xeriscaping (a form of landscaping involving drought resistant vegetation) as well
as the compatibility of various species of plants and animals for the construction of a 60x40x30-foot aviary to be placed in the center of the school grounds. Students then selected the plants and ground cover native to the region in order to recreate a natural habitat for tropical birds which would live in the aviary. By actively involving the students, the faculty at West Hernando Middle School provided their students with a better understanding of ecological concepts. The students have enjoyed the hard work involved with building and maintaining the aviary. In fact, they are so proud of their accomplishment that they provide tours. West Hernando sixth graders contact elementary schools, set up dates and times, conduct tours, and actually teach younger students about the importance of the environment in our lives.

The imagination and determination of West Hernando Middle School has not stopped there. Students and faculty are currently working on a “Birds Speak” unit which involves students in plant and bird care as well as developing a market for the sale of young birds raised in the aviary. The project also is meant to serve as an adoption agency for unwanted birds. Other projects undertaken by the Gemini Team included an iguana habitat and a prairie dog enclosure.

The success of the Gemini Team has inspired other teams such as the Saturn Team and the seventh grade Navigator Team to undertake such projects as a butterfly garden encircling a 2,500 gallon koi fish pond. That project increases student knowledge of drought tolerant plants and water consumption. The garden has been dedicated to the memory of a former West Hernando student whose life was taken by a drunk driver. A new hoop greenhouse supplies plants and bushes used to landscape the campus and there are plans to implement a working nursery to teach entrepreneurship and economics. Through other projects, students can learn about hydroponic gardening and aqua farming. A group of seventh graders is constructing a live coral wall, a mountain bike trail and a climbing wall, a mountain bike trail and a kayak program.

Ken Rempel, along with his assistant principals, Mary Krabel and Joseph Clifford, which have led the faculty at West Hernando Middle School, firmly believe that the instructional changes which they have implemented have had a profound influence on the students. They have witnessed an increase in knowledge and enthusiasm that could not have been imagined at the outset of “Dream Extreme.” The results are evident. West Hernando Middle School students have shown a lower failure rate, lower retention rate and fewer disciplinary problems as a result of innovative changes in the school’s instructional methods.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring West Hernando Middle School for its exceptional and creative efforts to connect students with important learning experiences. The school’s clear commitment to enhancing the quality of education for all of its students is really making a significant difference.

TRIBUTE TO COLE KUGEL

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Cole Kugel. At the age of ninety-nine, Cole is the oldest certified pilot in the nation. For over half a century, Cole sat side by side in the cockpit with his wife Mildred, soaring in one of the six planes he has owned. Flying safely at any age is a challenge. To have done it for as long as Cole has is truly an accomplishment. Cole began flying in 1929 and never once crashed or even damaged a plane.

Many people might say that flying for over seventy years without a scratch to show for it is just plain lucky. I’m told that while luck might keep you flying, it is good judgment that brings you home at the end of the day. Cole Kugel has been blessed with an abundance of good judgment. For over seventy years he has used his head to safely bring back every plane he has taken off in. Today, he continues to use that judgment. He has said that when his certificate comes up for renewal by the FAA this year, he probably will not renew it. To willingly walk away from something you love when you realize that you may not be able to do it like you used to I believe is the epitome of good judgment. I applaud Cole for loving flying so much yet still walking away from it while he is on top.

Mr. Speaker, I am attaching an article about Cole from a recent edition of the Denver Post. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this living example of perseverance, toasting the goal we’d all like to attain in terms of longevity and mental acuity. Cole Kugel has been blessed with an abundance of longevity and mental acuity. He’s alone at the top.

As early members of a group of aviation enthusiasts called the Colorado Flying Farmers, they sat side by side in the cockpit for more than half a century before a succession of strokes finally took her in June at age 97. “It just indicates that plane was their baby,” says Warren Rempel, who has known the couple for 40 years. “They were in the flying game together. Then came the day she couldn’t get out anymore. And he said if she couldn’t go, then he wouldn’t be doing a lot of it either.”

Mildred never was certified, but took enough lessons to know how to put the plane down if anything went wrong. She had the insurance policy and the plane was fully covered from natural disaster. Her husband, a farmer, died in mid-flight. In the last year and a half, though, her health declined to the point where she could no longer take her accent.

“She told him on many occasions, ‘Don’t you sell that plane until I’m gone,’ Rempel says. ‘I heard her say it. And he didn’t sell it.’

The transaction happened almost by chance, when local veterinarian Lynn Ferguson, whose grandparents had flown with the Kugels, called to talk about a plane that had come up for sale. The price was $8,000, which Ferguson hadn’t offered to buy the plane three years earlier, but Kugel, citing his wife’s admonition, had declined.

But on May 3, as Mildred’s health failed in a nursing home—and Kugel would go nowhere without his flying partner—Ferguson found that things had changed.

“Hey, I said, ‘Maybe we ought to take it up and see if you like it.’” Ferguson says. They struck a deal just days before Mildred died.

Kugel has tried not to dwell too much on the sale of the Cessna and the larger loss that accompanied it. But he takes some solace in the fact that the plane will remain nearby, where he can still go see it. And a stipulation in the sale agreement provides that he be allowed to take it up next March 14—if I’m still here”—on his 100th birthday.

The FAA requires a physical exam every two years for medical certification, and Kugel’s has expired. He is able to fly a third-class pilot’s license, and some minor vision trouble with one eye gives Kugel pause, although he doesn’t think that would necessarily keep him from flying.

“But as old as I am, maybe I ought not to be flying anyway,” he says. “I feel competent, but as you get older, everything about you gets out of order and people come and talk to you. And a plane is an expensive item to have sitting around and not use it.”

If he doesn’t get recertified, he said, he’ll take his own flight with Ferguson. Kugel embraced aviation as a young man for the most prosaic of reasons: “Because I wanted to go somewhere.”

In 1943, Kugel and his wife left their Oklahoma farm to farm cheap land near Longmont. He remained a farmer most of his life, resuming the flights of fancy that had accompanied it. But he takes some solace in the fact that the plane will remain nearby, where he can still go see it.

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TRIBUTE TO LUCY CARLTON
HON. ZOE LOFGREN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Los Altos Police Chief Lucy Carlton, who will be retiring on September 28, 2001 after 32 years of service. Chief Carlton began her law enforcement career in 1969 with the Milpitas Police Department. Chief Carlton served in a variety of assignments, which included Patrol, Criminal Investigation and Community Relations.

Lucy Carlton was the first female in the organization to be assigned to patrol duty and during her tenure, promoted through the ranks to Police Captain in 1988. In 1991, Ms. Carlton was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Los Altos, becoming the second woman in the State of California to serve as a Chief of Police for a municipality. Chief Carlton has been a trailblazer throughout her career, breaking the “glass ceiling” for every one of her promotions. Lucy Carlton’s efforts have paved the road, so that others might follow.

Police Chief Carlton holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice from San Jose State University and has completed graduate work in Public Administration at California State University, Hayward, also holds a lifetime Teaching Credential from the State of California and has taught classes at San Jose State University, and Evergreen, Gavilan, San Jose City and Chabot Colleges. Ms. Carlton has lectured throughout the United States in the field of adult and child sexual abuse investigation. During her assignment in the investigation bureau, she was certified as an expert witness in the area of child sexual abuse.

Lucy Carlton is the past chair of the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council, the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association and the Advisory Panel of Justice Foundation at San Jose State University. Ms. Carlton has served on the board of the California Peace Officers’ Association and currently serves on the board of the California Police Chiefs Association. During her career, Chief Carlton has worked on a number of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) projects, which resulted in the development of training guidelines for officers in the area of sexual assault and child abuse investigations. She also served on the Department of Justice task force, which developed State guidelines for the implementation of Megan’s Law.

Lucy Carlton has mentored dozens of men and women preparing for entry into law enforcement, as well as those preparing for promotional exams. In 1998 she assisted in the development of a series of classes for both men and women on the subject of Women’s Issues in Law Enforcement. Chief Carlton has taught in the program since its inception.

Lucy Carlton has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Milpitas-Berryessa YMCA and served on their board for eight years. In 1995 she was named their volunteer of the year. She also serves on the advisory boards of WATCH (a transitional housing program for battered women and their children) and the Support Network for Battered Women. In 1990, she was named “Woman of the Year” by former Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin and honored for her civic service and dedication to the people of the State of California.

In 1996, the Women’s Fund of Santa Clara County and the San Jose Mercury news honored her as a “Woman of Achievement” in the category of Public Service. In 1998 she was honored as a “Distinguished Alumni” from San Jose State University’s Department of Administration of Justice. The Los Altos Kiwanis Club honored her last year as their 2000 “Kiwanian of the Year.”

Police Chief Lucy Carlton has been a valuable resource to the State of California and to our district. Though her commitment and dedication will be sorely missed, I am grateful to her for her years of service and wish her the best in the next phase of her life.

BIPARTISAN PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF
HON. W.J. “BILLY” TAUZIN
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, August 2, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2563) to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Chairman, the Ganske-Dingell bill does not guarantee a right to sue for patients. Indeed, the bill makes it difficult for states to create or maintain a cause of action because such causes of action must meet pages of very complicated requirements. A State could not, for example, pass a law consistent with these many requirements. Until they did so, however, patients who were harmed may have no recourse for damages at all. The preemption language under Ganske-Dingell is so fraught with ambiguity that it may take decades to determine whether patients in certain states even have a cause of action and can hold HMO’s responsible for negligence.

Professor Larry Alexander, Warren Distinquished Professor at the University of San Diego Law School, has reviewed the bill and concludes: “... state common law is quite undercommon law...” indeed, virtually any medical error would be shielded from a state cause of action where employers or the plans seek recovery or contribution.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and Congressional Research Service (CRS) all confirm this interpretation. A DOJ memorandum dated July 25, 2001 states: “...This provision is broadly drafted to apply to claims arising out of ‘any care provided’ or ‘any treatment decision made’...” as such, it would appear to foreclose, for example, a contribution or indemnity claim by a group health plan or health insurance issuer for negligent treatment by a physician or hospital which was the sole cause of a patient’s injury. “...” (emphasis added)

The Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate of H.R. 2563 states “...It would prevent any recovery by plans from doctors or hospitals resulting from medical malpractice. “...” (emphasis added). A memorandum from the Congressional Research Service further confirms this point. It says: “...This language appears to supersede all causes of action under state law, arising from state statutory or common law...” Presumably, causes of action for recovery, indemnity or contribution arising from a contract between the health plan and the physician would also be superseded. “...” (emphasis added)

The CRS memorandum continues: “...Based on this preemption, health plans or health insurance issuers providing health insurance coverage would not be able to seek contribution from a treating physician or hospital for damages incurred as a result of a cause of action brought against the plans pursuant to the provisions of this legislation or under common law based upon the quality of care received. Nor would they be able to recover costs incurred in the form of benefits paid due to the negligence of a treating health care professional or hospital...” (emphasis added)

It is for these and other policy reasons that I support the Norwood Amendment as a better liability proposal.

THE SOLIDARITY FLAG RESOLUTION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, today, the men and women of the United States are facing a tragic loss. But in that adversity we see
Joyce Meskis—a Champion of Intellectual Freedom

HON. MARK UDALL
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joyce Meskis.

Owner of Denver’s famous Tattered Cover Bookstores, Joyce is an ardent supporter of reading and literacy and a strong defender of intellectual freedom. She has served as president of the Colorado Citizens Against Censorship, was a founder of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, and a leader in the National Coalition Against Censorship.

Her leadership in this area now has been recognized by her receipt of the National Intellectual Freedom Award given by the National Council of Teachers of English. A strong supporter of the freedoms that are guaranteed to all of us by the Constitution’s First Amendment, Joyce recognizes how these freedoms make our democracy great. She is an outstanding example of a person who has dedicated herself to ensuring that intellectual freedom and diversity will continue to enrich our lives and the lives of our children. Her contributions have been well summarized in the words of Carol Edmunds Sullivan, a professor at the Colorado College who nominated Joyce for the National Intellectual Freedom Award: “Bookseller Joyce Meskis is nurturing democracy’s vital need for access to books, even unpopular ones.”

Mr. Speaker, I am attaching an article on Joyce that recently ran in the Denver Post and ask my colleagues to join me in this tribute.

[From the Denver Post, September 2, 2001]

(By Carl Edmonds Sullivan)

Confronted a year ago by five police officers expecting to execute a search warrant for the purchasing records of one of her bookstore customers, Denver’s Tattered Cover owner Joyce Meskis refused access to the store’s files, on behalf of the First Amendment rights of her customers.

Later, she wrote her customer a “Dear Reader” letter telling her she couldn’t read a particular book because it was written by an unpopular one. ‘‘When you get served, or even threatened with a subpoena or search warrant, it’s pretty scary,’’ Meskis said about her bookstore, which she purchased in two years. ‘‘But artists’ rights by offering a diversity of materials and author events ‘without prejudice.’’ In other words, she explains, ‘‘We cannot abrogate our responsibility to the First Amendment, which we believe to be the cornerstone of our democratic tradition and of our bookstore. And make no mistake, it is our pursuit as much as it is the author’s pursuit to see a customer sign because one doesn’t like the view of the author as it would be if the book were disallowed on the shelf.’’

In October 2000, Denver District Judge Stephen Phillips ruled that Meskis was obligated to turn over her purchase records to law enforcement officials. Meskis appealed the ruling to the Colorado Supreme Court, where it is still pending. Meskis’ love of reading is rooted in her childhood, when, she says, ‘‘I read my way through the library.’’ One reads pictures as Roald Dahl’s Matilda, particularly in the fourth grade when an adult (whom she declines to identify) told her she couldn’t read a particular book since it was for adults, not children. ‘‘But my mother wouldn’t mind,’’ she protested.

That was among the earliest of Meskis’ indelible efforts to protect actions that would muzzle intellectual freedom. When she was a young woman working at the Littleton Public Library, a parent chastised her because Meskis recommended to a teenager ‘‘Coming of Age in Samoa’’ to a teenager. Meskis has organized or led various coalitions to assert intellectual freedom—including her service as president of the Colorado Citizens Against Censorship, a founder of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, and a leader in the National Coalition Against Censorship.

When the Tattered Cover offers controversial books, it loses customers. ‘‘Permanently,’’ Meskis emphasizes. Critics accuse her of seeking profit at the expense of morals. Meskis said she has found, ‘‘When we have a controversial author, there’s a far greater likelihood that offended customers will never return. Meskis also worries about the shrinking harbor for ideas outside the mainstream. In the closing of a ‘Dear Reader’ letter to customers, Meskis makes this declaration: ‘I increasingly wonder how will we ever continue to be a viable bookstore presenting the variety of books and authors that, in their diversity, strengthen our democracy. In the debate of ideas. I worry that all of these forces may interfere with our freedom to read, and faster than a lightning bolt, zap away the soul of our First Amendment, thereby diminishing our democratic society.’’

Tribute to Judy Evans

HON. ZOE LOFGREN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Judy Evans, who for the past thirty years served as the Executive Director of Friends Outside National Organization. Judy Evans retired as of July 1, 2001.

Friends Outside National Organization provides educational and case management services in all 33 California state prisons. Under Judy Evans’ leadership Friends Outside National Organization has grown to a $3.9 million dollar agency with 139 employees. Over 9,000 children and 21,000 adults receive services at their prison visitor centers each month.

Judy was instrumental in developing an innovative family reunification partnership with the San Francisco Department of Human Services. Through this program, Friends Outside National staff members are able to facilitate successful reunifications between incarcerated parents and their children in conjunction with county social workers. These children are all in foster care or kinship placement. The goal is to assist the birth parent, whenever appropriate, to regain physical custody after release, with the ongoing support of social services. This program directs resources to where they can be used most effectively: to the family.

Judy Evans has mentored a generation of social service professionals who continue the difficult work of counseling families caught up in the criminal justice system. Her example will serve as an inspiration, not only to them, but to all of us.

Previous to her Executive Director position at Friends Outside National, Judy served as the Santa Clara County chapter’s Executive Director for ten years, as well as its Director of Family Services for twelve years. Additionally, Judy has served the community through the YMCA, Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, Justice System Advisory Board, The Women’s Fund and the Association of United Way Executives.

Judy has received awards of recognition by the Pathway Society, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, California Department of Corrections and the Community Alliance Program for Ex-Offenders.

I, along with many others, thank her for her years of service to the State of California and to our District.

Resolution Opposing the Medicare Prescription Discount Card Program

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, General George W. Bush unveiled his principles for Medicare reform on July 12, 2001; and

Whereas, under the program, Medicare beneficiaries would be able to purchase Medicare-endorsed prescription drug discount cards with access to lower cost drugs at the point of sale; and

Whereas, the Program was conceived by a select group of pharmacy benefit management companies without the deliberation of the larger pharmacy community; and

Whereas, Community pharmacies will bear the greatest financial burden for this Program to discount prescription drugs; and

Whereas, drug manufactures account for nearly 80% of the cost of drugs sold in the U.S. but will bear very little of the financial burden created by this Program; and

Whereas, The Program does not provide seniors with access to prescription drugs or the pharmacist’s professional services; and

Whereas, seniors take more prescription drugs than any other population group in the U.S. and need the accessibility and expertise of their community pharmacist; and
Whereas, peer-reviewed research has demonstrated that discount programs have been proven not to be effective; and

Whereas, The Program is not insurance coverage nor will it provide drug coverage to those millions of seniors who cannot currently afford even inexpensive prescription drugs; and

Whereas, The Program promotes the underutilization of generic drugs, heavy use of mail order, and limits senior citizens to the option of only one drug per therapeutic class;

Therefore be it resolved, that the National Pharmaceutical Association representing all of America’s minority pharmacists at its House of Delegates assembly during the 54th Annual Meeting July 20–24, 2001 in Cleveland, Ohio joins other national pharmacy associations in opposing the Prescription Drug Discount Card program as presently composed and urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and all of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to immediately revisit this flawed and potentially unconstitutional Program; and

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of HHS appoint a blue ribbon committee consisting of all facets of the national pharmacy community to study this issue and make recommendations to solve America’s pressing issue of prescription drug coverage for those Americans over the age of 65; and finally

Be it resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President, Secretary of HHS, Administrator of CMS, and all the national pharmacy organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Elizabeth Hoffman, President of the University of Colorado. As Betsy enters her second year on the job, I can proudly say that CU is well on its way to fulfilling her vision of becoming one of the top three public research universities in the country.

During her first year in office, CU has set records in private gift giving, federal research income and state capitol construction funding. One of these gifts, a $250 million donation, is the largest gift ever to a public university. This donation allowed for the creation of a CU institute that will help twenty million Americans with cognitive disabilities.

In addition to her drive to make CU a world class university, Betsy Hoffman knows that the University of Colorado is also a school for the people of Colorado. She travels tirelessly around the state to “bring CU back to the people of Colorado.” She has quickly gained the support of the people of our state in her endeavors. Governor Owens says, “She’s been very good at representing the university around the state. I give her an A plus.”

She is also supported by state legislators on both sides of the aisle and by members of the Colorado congressional delegation.

Under Betsy’s leadership, I have no doubt that CU will become the world class university she is steering it toward. I am including an article about her that was recently published in the Denver Post. Mr. Speaker, I ask for my colleagues to join me in praising the work of a visionary and an educator.

[From the Denver Post, September 2, 2001]
In hindsight, she says, it was a risk. They ple, who are not CU alums, for the record disabilities. and Claudia Coleman created a CU institute year: the largest gift ever to a public univer-
Hoffman's crowning moment in her first Hoffman runs a cordial meeting. She pokes
''It's extremely important that CU speaks
Hoffman keeps the meeting moving as talk
turns to Gov. Bill Owens' new panel to study reorganizing state higher education. Is the
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man. Recently before a regent's meeting, the
usual students in labs with test tubes. So the
infomercial features a technical climber on a
rock wall. A creek rushes below. The first
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the luck of the draw and I came out on top.
That light-heartedness is typical of Hoff-
mansays. ''I can't ask anyone to make a significant
class, is not a CU alum, for the record
coaching staff, the president and the regents. In
February 14, Hoffman will film a 15-second welcoming
video that will be shown on cable networks
around the country during the halftime break
of football games. She's selected when CU's
anniversary falls on Valentine's Day. Hoffman
and Claudia Coleman created a CU institute
1963, with the exception of CU's 17th presi-
dent who oversees Hoffman's external rela-
tions. ''Is there lipstick on my teeth?'' Hoffman
Dee wipes a spot off Hoffman's black jack-
et. ''Are you shooting some Go Buffs video?'' asks.
''I'll let you go back to being presidential.''

200 potential donors to be her guests in her
home games at Folsom. The filming must
be done today rain or shine, so they've set up
umbrella over her head in pouring rain. They
scaper from office to car. Car to stadium.
Video taping at Folsom Field: Hoffman is
hustled over to Folsom for another video
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Zedillo, the president of the Central Bank of Buenos Aires, ministers of finance in Mexico and Indonesia and the director of Fuji Bank in Japan.

The graduation will be preceded by a champagne reception. “I don’t think I have any champagnes,” Hoffman tells her husband. “Yeah, it’s only 4 p.m.” Binger says. “The day’s only half over.”

SECURING AMERICA’S FUTURE ENERGY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF
HON. HON. ROBIN HAYES
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, August 1, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 4) to enhance energy conservation, research and development, and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Chairman, oil imports are now at 57% and growing rapidly. If we are to meet our domestic energy needs, we must decrease our reliance on foreign imports by boosting domestic energy supply. A workable energy plan requires attention to all areas, conservation, production, alternative fuels, research, and especially common sense.

Over the last 20 years, the increase in demand for energy has outpaced the increase in supply. Since 1980, the supply has only increased by 18%, while energy demand has increased 24%. The United States is also far too dependent on foreign oil. Today, 57% of our oil comes from other countries; compared to 35% in 1973, and 48% 10 years ago.

Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge may provide the necessary increase in production of energy. The U.S. Geological Survey estimates there are up to 16 billion barrels of oil in ANWR; this would be enough to replace all imports from Saudi Arabia for the next 30 years. My family and I lived on the North Slope for a year. The family we lived with perfected the ice pad drilling technique, which leaves virtually no footprint. We can drill in ANWR safely and in an environmentally responsible way. We should do this to secure America’s future energy needs.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve the affordable and reliable energy supply that this bill can provide. I commend the bill’s sponsor and the many members and staff who have devoted so much time to this effort, and I ask my colleagues to support this comprehensive energy policy for the future of our country.

TRIBUTE TO MORT MARKS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor an uncommon Coloradan, Mr. Mort Marks of Aurora. Mort has been a tireless worker for the Republican Party and its ideals. A self-described supporter of the Republican big-tent, Mort has been instrumental in bringing the party into the majority in Colorado, and in the United States Congress.

A veteran of World War II and the Battle of the Bulge, Mort continued to work for American freedom even after entering civilian life. Wherever the hard work of campaigns and elections is needed, Mort’s face is the first seen. From writing for a number of state newspapers, to being a tireless advocate for our outstanding Governor Bill Owens and former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong, Mort has done much for our party, our state, and our country.

I am proud to recognize Mort Marks, the skinny kid from Texas, today and wish him the best of luck with all of his future endeavors. I want he and his wife Edie to know how much I have appreciated his years of service. Mort is the type of person we need more of in politics. A man of honor who you want on your side, Mort’s political sense is more often right than wrong. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I ask the House to join me in extending congratulations to Mort on his years of service to America.

IN HONOR OF FATHER JOHN ZDINAK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, Father John Zdinak, for his life of dedicated service to St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland on this very special day of reconciliation.

Father John Zdinak has served St. Theodosius Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio in many capacities and has touched the lives of his congregation. Father Zdinak was assigned Rector of St. Theodosius in 1999, and has since then served the cathedral in many positions. Perhaps his most well-known act within the cathedral happened within his first year of installation. Father John completed a $400,000 Cemetery Expansion project that developed much of the parish cemetery.

Father Zdinak’s genuine vision for the Cathedral community was to establish a much greater presence in the Cleveland community, and more specifically the Tremont area. He worked to reclaim the former Rectory located behind the Cathedral and developed the Parish Ministries Center. His love, vision, and hope for the cathedral community has benefited the congregation in incredible ways.

Although Father Zdinak worked extensively to expand the Cathedral community, he also spent quite some time improving the physical structure of the Cathedral. Over the years, soil and dust have accumulated on the exterior of the beautiful Cathedral, much due to the nearby steel and coal mills. Father Zdinak spent months cleaning the exterior with his fellow colleagues, friends, and countless members of the congregation. Inside the Cathedral, Father Zdinak removed and replaced copper
Since then, La Clinica has evolved as a major asset to Alameda County’s healthcare system. Congratulations La Clinica on your success.

I join your community of clients, friends and supporters in thanking you for providing exemplary healthcare services.

SIXTH DISTRICT MOURNS TERRORIST VICTIM

HON. HOWARD COBLE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, today the Sixth District of North Carolina is mourning the loss of life of one of our own in the tragic, senseless violence which has assaulted our nation. Sandy Bradshaw, who was just 38 years old, and lived in Greensboro, was a flight attendant on United Airlines flight 93 that was hijacked and crashed outside Pittsburgh. She leaves behind her husband Phil, her daughter, Alex, andria, 2, and her son, Shanen, not yet one.

Members of the Bradshaw’s church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, have described Sandy as friendly, outgoing, bubbly and devoted to her family. I have spoken at Westminster Presbyterian Church, have met many members of the congregation and I join them in their sorrow.

This highlights to me how so many people, from every part of this huge country, have been directly affected by these terrible, inexcusable and cowardly terrorist acts. We pray that the number of people who have lost their lives is a great deal smaller than the thousands feared. Whatever the final figure may be, it is already clear that far too many people have had their lives devastated by terrorists. We are all both shocked and angry, but this anger will now be channeled towards finding the terrorists and bringing them to justice.

I hope to see a quick and decisive response to the terrorists and bringing them to justice. Whatever the final figure may be, it is already clear that far too many people have had their lives devastated by terrorists. We are all both shocked and angry, but this anger will now be channeled towards finding the terrorists and bringing them to justice.

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To reach the unreachable stars—
To fight the unbeatable foe, to bear with unbearable sorrow,
To run where the brave dare not go,
To right the wrong, the right;
To be true—
To be better for this,
That my heart will be peaceful and calm
when I’m laid to my rest. And the world will be better for this,
That one man scorned and covered with scars still strove with his last ounce of courage.
To reach the unreachable stars.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the memory of a man who touched millions of Americans with his inspiring lyrics and enabled countless people everywhere to “Dream the Impossible Dream”, Mr. Joe Darion.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.
Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 19
2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on S. 702, for the relief of Gao Zhan.
SD–226

SEPTEMBER 20
10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.
SD–430

Governmental Affairs
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the annual report of the Postmaster General.
SD–342

2 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the effects of the drug OxyContin.
SD–430

SEPTEMBER 25
10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Public Health Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine environmental health issues.
SD–430

2 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Employment, Safety and Training Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine workplace safety for immigrant workers.
SD–430

SEPTEMBER 26
10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD–430

CANCELLATIONS

SEPTEMBER 14
10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine early childhood issues.
SD–430

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and Brigadier General Carl A. Strock, U.S.A., to be a Member, both of the Mississippi River Commission; the nomination of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; the nomination of Marianne Lamont Horinko, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency; the nomination of P. H. Johnson, of Mississippi, to be Federal Cochairperson, Delta Regional Authority; the nomination of Mary E. Peters, of Arizona, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and the nomination of Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior.

SD–406

SEPTEMBER 19
10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine early childhood issues.
SD–430