Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, at 10:00 a.m.

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 which, if used properly, will kill or at least inflict serious bodily damage.

The effects on Americans are clear to most policy-makers. Close to 360,000 Americans will die of lung disease this year. It is the third largest cause of death responsible for one in seven deaths. More than 25 million Americans are now living with chronic lung disease, and the use of tobacco is the leading cause in that condition.

Sadly, the impacts of tobacco-related lung disease is not limited to the United States. Tobacco was estimated to account for just over 3 million annual deaths worldwide in 1990, and that is rising to over 4 million deaths currently. It is estimated that tobacco attributable deaths will rise to 8.5 million within the next 20 years and 10 million in about 2030.

According to the World Health Organization, while tobacco use is actually declining in many developed countries, it is increasing rapidly in those that are developing.

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 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 would 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 subsidies of tobacco sales overseas. Wisely, the Committee on International Relations, on a broad bipartisan vote, voted to remove those provisions from the agriculture bill.
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 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 50 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 or not. We buy Canadian and we got it for $45 a container. I just bought Canadian and we got it for $4,000 a container, and he said that was a good deal for you here, let us see if we can get away with that. This is terrible now but we will see what it is that it is.

What I really should be worrying about is, we are having a manufacturers surplus right now. Why? We are a manufacturer by ourselves, and I checked with businesses back home, the main problem we 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 like this, we 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 you examples. After the earthquake in El Salvador, some of my friends there approached me with the idea that they needed to buy 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 deal.

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 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 saw, 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, the problem is that you are trying to price that in 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 how it works.

So just lately I checked on woodchips. In North Carolina we used to clean our forests 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 these chips up and shipping them out. Everybody in the world wanted these. 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. We have four dollar steel, 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 they buy more bonds and they buy more bonds, and pretty soon, the dollar becomes more valued. I do not know how many of you are watching it in the market and forth, but the dollar goes up, the yen goes down, the pound goes down, the mark 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 I found there 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 so forth and quit investing in American dollars. This may sound weird, but most of the foreign countries would do anything to protect their own currency. 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 I quote a fellow to me 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. And, I found out that, contrary to what I thought, the surplus 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 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. ARMLEY), said we must understand that it is inviolate, you might have trouble following this but I will get to the point, to intrude either against Social Security or Medicare, and if that means foregoing or, as it were, paying for tax cuts then we will do that. He said he wasn't going to spend the money, and in fact, they might forego tax cuts in order to not break into the lock box.

Good news. Well, that was July 11. It is now September. How much things have changed.

The new Congressional Budget Office estimates, the Congressional Budget Office is headed by a Republican appointee, says that the surplus for the next nine years is 2.2 trillion, T, trillion dollars less than projected last May. Remember the rosy scenario, oh, pass the tax cuts today and do not worry about it, there will be so much money, be floating in money, we can still maintain the integrity of the lock box. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, cut down on military spending and we can do all these things and there will still be surplus. In fact, the gentleman from
North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) that preceded me in the well talked about the surplus.

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, many working Americans are not getting back a rebate because of that fact, and 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 the 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, 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 check 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Goss) at 9 o'clock and 52 minutes a.m., thereby terminating the recess. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Due to the circumstances of today, the Chair calls the House to order at this time. The prayer will be offered by the guest chaplain.

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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Speaker will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Due to the events of yesterday, the Chair wishes to announce that the joint meeting to receive the Honorable John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, scheduled for today will not take place.

The Chair wishes to acknowledge, however, the presence of the Prime Minister here today, and extends, on behalf of the House, his appreciation for the solidarity of the Australian people and the presence of the Prime Minister today in this very difficult time. Thank you.

HOUSE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, as you have directed, the House is convening now. We will stay in session from now until 11 o'clock where Members will have time for 1-minute speeches. At 11 o'clock this morning we will take a recess until 12:30 while the Chamber is cleared. Members of the body will be invited back to the Chamber at 12:30, at which time we will have a Member briefing on the floor that will last until 2 o'clock.

At 2 o'clock, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT)...
and I will call up by unanimous consent a joint resolution to condemn yesterday’s terrorist acts. That resolution will be addressed by this body under that unanimous consent request with an understanding that we will continue to address it until each Member of this Chamber has had ample time to address this issue as he or she sees fit.

I want to thank all the Members of this body for their patience, their commitment, their understanding, and their resolve during this trying time. Let me assure you, Mr. Speaker, by the time the 435 Members of this body have spoken today, the world will have no doubt about who we are, what we will stand for, and what we will not stand for.

AMERICA SUFFERS TODAY

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

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, America, our blessed Nation, suffers today. Terribly. Terrorists sought to use fear as a weapon against every person in this Nation. They do not know America, and they do not know Americans. They think freedom is our vulnerability. It is our strength. We will need that strength in the days ahead. Throughout our proud history we have met every challenge, and we will meet this challenge.

Mr. Speaker, we are united in mourning for all of our fellow citizens who were injured and died. I have been so moved while watching television and seeing the heroism, the courage, the patriotism, the bravery, the goodness of our people trying to help one another, save one another, bind up our wounds, and find those who have been lost. Our hearts go out to every person, every family that has been touched by this awful tragedy, and to all the families at this very moment who are enduring an unspeakable, unimaginable horror in their lives.

In times of national tragedy, Americans have always come together, strengthened our resolve, and faced adversity squarely while giving aid and comfort to every victim, every family member, every relative, every person affected by the tragedy. On this occasion, we are once again showing the world what it means to be an American.

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 in 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 heinous 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 righteousness, 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. SKELETON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SKELETON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was the darkest day in American history. Pearl Harbor pales 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 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 to limit 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 and law enforcement 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 its free and 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 unerringly directed response to 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.

AMERICA WILL SEEK JUSTICE

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

Ms. 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 darkest hour, we see thousands of real-life 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 can the United States of America. Our borders are so wide open, terrorists could cross them with a nuclear warhead, and it may be unpopular 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 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 before once, a cowardice attack at Pearl Harbor. They thought without question they would win, but they did not. All they succeeded in doing is wakening 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 lose 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 so 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 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 act, 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 funda-
mental 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 per-
mission 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 Sep-
tember 11, 2001, and the moments
when we first heard that America was vi-
ciously 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 shrink from the
responsibilities to respond coura-
gously. 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 resolve, our prin-
ciples, 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 sav-
age, desperate tactics.

Yesterday's acts were not the acts of
criminals, but the military acts of en-
emies. And military tactics demand
military responses. Terrorism is a tac-
tic 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 har-
bor them.

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

STANDING TOGETHER UNITED
(Mr. KING asked and was given per-
mission 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 rededicate
ourselves to our principles. We must
stand behind our President as com-
mander 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 terror-
rists.

Also my heart goes out to the vic-
tims, 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 com-
ing in, and I 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 spe-
cial debt of thanks to the police offi-
cers 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 per-
mission 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 af-
fected.

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 not know the extent of the
losses 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 emer-
gency 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 Pen-
tagon.

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 ad-
dress the House for 1 minute and to re-
verse 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 un-
precedented unity. These cowards have
failed.

Mr. Speaker, our America is much
more than the buildings and monu-
ments that grace our soil. America is a
nation of great people, joined by the
love of country and the belief in free-
dom and liberty. This can never be ex-
tinguished.

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 suf-
fering from these cowardly acts com-
mited by these evil individuals.

This tragic event has mobilized
America like never before. Our patri-
otic spirit has been resurrected, and
this will be prove to our enemy's de-
mise.

God bless America.

AMERICA WILL PREVAIL

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given per-
mission 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, re-
buid 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 cen-
turies, across the oceans, across the
mountains and across the prairies, be-
cause 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 pre-
vail.
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 came face-to-face with undisguised evil, an evil so profound that those men and women of good will must 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 some of the 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 wage. And it is not a precedent. In 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 roused to anger 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 re- sponse 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 here, 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 23rd Psalm, “though I walk through 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; religious 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.” For today, America will act 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 wickedness 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; indeed, 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 as soldiers in that fight. 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 to those who have suffered, we move forward with determination that we will achieve victory.

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 directing anger at people’s lives, and America is 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 that money funneled to the terrorists or 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 most of New York City 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 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, 911, yesterday’s date, 9-11, should mobilize 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 attack.

I support the President and his resolve to hunt down those who facilitated this act of war and bring them to
Today I rise in absolute support of President Bush, the leaders of our Nation, and our national resolve to overcome this tragedy. I rise to mourn with those who mourn, to comfort those in need of comfort, and to express my deepest sorrow for the loss of innocent life and many severely injured from this national tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, America is strong, and with tremendous faith in Divine Providence, as President Franklin Roosevelt said and I quote, "We will not only defeat ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again. With confidence in our Armed Forces, with the unbounded determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God."

STANDING UNITED IN OUR RESOLVE THAT ACTS OF TERRORISM WILL NOT DETER US

(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 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 these 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 sheer 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 difficult debris at the Pentagon. In addition, 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, I rise today to express our sorrow, our hope, and America’s firm resolve to move ahead.

In mourning for fallen Americans and in support of President Bush, our national leaders, and America’s resolve to overcome tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend President Bush for his eloquent statement last night, before our Nation and the world, of the terrible and vicious terrorist attack that took the lives of thousands of innocent American citizens.
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 that 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. Mr. Speaker, in 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 servicemen and women, and the scores of volunteers who have unselfishly sacrificed their lives.

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. 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.

In 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. 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 many instances, the operators of these stations, the 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, indicating much of 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. 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 our finest hour 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. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our great Nation was attacked by terrorists whose aim is to make the American people believe that we can make us weak.

We will pray for the families. We will help continue the rescue effort. And we will secure our communities, and we will bring perpetrators not just to justice but to a punishment they will not soon forget. God bless America.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, earlier in the evening, I called on Russia, China, and North Korea to stop providing aid and assistance to them.

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-a-vis Iran and Libya, and stop providing aid and assistance to them.

I call on Syria to close the headquarters of the various terrorist organizations in Damascus.

I call on Israel and the Arab nations to agree to peace and to get to the peace table.

I call on Russia, China, and North Korea to stop selling technology and weapons of mass destruction to count-
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 initiated, planned, and coordinated this terrorist assault on the American people in New York City and our Nation’s Capital.

The question today is, Mr. Speaker, have we had enough. The people I represent have made it clear that they support this war, want it to succeed and immediate action. We must identify and destroy the terrorist network wherever it exists.

We must move quickly and we must strengthen our intelligent military capabilities. I am committed to working with my colleagues in a nonpartisan partnership with the President to accomplish these goals.

America is a great Nation with enduring institutions of freedom that will withstand the onslaughts of the forces of evil. We must stand together. We must be strong. Our freedoms matter. We must protect our freedoms and guarantee the security of our people. God bless America.

AMERICA HAS A HISTORIC ROLE TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND FREEDOM’S LIGHT

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

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America walked through the eye of terrorism. Thousands of American families were hideously drafted into a war that they only dimly perceived. But today we emerge from the ashes of hate and horror, of evil, reminded that America has a historical mission to uphold Freedom’s light and defend it against every and all attempts to snuff it out.

The great American, William Lloyd Garrison, once said, “With reasonable men I will reason, with humane men I will plead; but to tyrants, I will show no quarter, nor waste my arguments.”

Today, Congress and the President and the American people are saying to the world, “With reasonable men we will reason, with humane men we will plead, but to agents of modern terror, we will not waste our arguments, because we will show them no quarter.”

THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA DEMAND JUSTICE

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, we are one America, one family. When one of us suffers, we all suffer.

I have been reading e-mails from my constituents in South Dakota.

“We grieve with our brothers and sisters in New York and Virginia, in Maryland and D.C. South Dakotans are praying for you, and we support you. You have been there for us. We will be there for you.”

To the rest of America, let me say that South Dakota stands ready to support our President in defending and protecting American citizens and American freedoms. To the terrorist world, let me say that they have declared war on a sleeping giant.

The people of South Dakota and the people of America demand justice. If they are terrorists, they can run but they cannot hide. We are coming after them. We will find them, and there will be a reckoning.

AMERICANS MUST REAFFIRM THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today Americans must reaffirm our allegiance to the United States of America, and as we stand here today, men and women all over this Nation are drawn to New York and drawn to Virginia and the Pentagon helping to recover, helping to discover and find our loved ones.

But we must resolve that this terrorism and this terrorist act will not undermine our constitution, will not undermine our resolve and will not undermine our faith.

To the injured and the families of the victims, I offer His amazing grace. To the firefighters and police officers who have fallen, we thank you for your sacrifice.

We ask people of all faiths all over the world to take us to the level of weeding out these terrorists because we will not attack recklessly but we will attack with purpose.

I love America and I love this home of the brave and the free.

THE GRAY WAR

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the bloodiest attack in American 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 these families who lost loved ones in this cowardly attack and provide the resources to both the people in New York and Washington, D.C. to aid in the recovery and sustain these families.

The attacks yesterday remind us of the shock and horror experienced in Pearl Harbor. We must and will work to ensure that this barbarism never occurs again.

So, my colleagues, we won World War I. We won 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 his 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 horror has brought our Nation closer together, not farther 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.

As is our 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.

CONDEMNING ATTACK AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AND ITS CITIZENS
(Mr. RUSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you this morning as a man proud to be an American; proud because of the extraordinary spirit that resides in the hearts and minds of the people of this great Nation.

Yesterday our Nation was attacked. Thousands of hardworking men and women in New York City and here at the Pentagon left their homes to put in an honest day’s work and they were viciously attacked; attacked by cowardly individuals who deliberately sought to strike at the innocent.

In spite of the ugliness of this tragedy, I witnessed the beauty of the American spirit, rising Phoenix-like out of the ashes; beauty that was demonstrated by those who were attacked, those who rescued, and those who led; beauty that was demonstrated in the form of strength of character, unity in spirit, and a willing spirit.

I believe that today, because of our pain, America is stronger than it has ever been. God bless America.

AMERICA WILL PREVAIL AGAINST THIS ADVERSITY
(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. The book of Proverbs tells us that the test of gold is fire, but the test of man is adversity. Today, America is being tested one more time. But just as we in the past have faced the adversities of war, disease and depression, we will prevail.

Yesterday, in the ever-present age-old battle between good and evil, it appears that evil stole the lives and safety of our citizens; and yet it can never steal our resolve, our ideals, and our love for our country.

Today, Congress and the American people are back at work. Tomorrow, we will seek justice; and the bell of freedom will ring once more loudly all over the globe.

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. 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. 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.

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

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

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

PERMITTING USE OF ROTUNDA OF THE 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. Therefore, fittingly, 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 rescuing 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 world.

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. HOYER. 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:

H. Con. Res. 223

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used at any time on September 12, 2001, for a prayer vigil in memory of those who lost their lives in the events of September 11, 2001. Physical preparations for the vigil shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

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. ARMEDY. 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 the 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 the 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:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress—
(1) condemns in the strongest possible terms the terrorist attack who planned and carried out the September 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, as well as their sponsors; (2) extends its deepest condolences to the victims of the cowardly attacks, as well as to their families, friends, and loved ones;

(3) is 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) commends 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) declares 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) thanks 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) commits to support increased resources in the war to eradicate terrorism; (8) supports 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) declares 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. ARMEDY) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) each will control 90 minutes.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is a resounding show of the American people’s commitment and our total resolve after the acts 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 find it so impossible to understand such acts of barbarism. It is, Mr. Speaker, because of our commitment to peace and freedom and love that we do not understand how people can do these things.

But, Mr. Speaker, there are things the American people do understand. We understand the heartbreak of the families of those victims of this atrocity who lost their lives as a Nation come together with empathy. Our hearts cry out for the loss, the injustice, the mindlessness of it, the cruelty and the waste; and we come together as a Nation to console one another.

Mr. Speaker, we Americans understand the heroism that has been demonstrated by our citizens, 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 and offered 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 are 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 that 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 that we hold so deep, Mr. Speaker, should not be underestimated. 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 that that commitment to civilized nations, respecting one another and treating our citizens with decency, that 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 tyranny, as we have done. Do not underestimate 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 by 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 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, I thank the majority leader for bringing this resolution with me and all of our Members. I appreciate his cooperation, the cooperation of the Speaker, and all the leaders of Congress, all the Members.

Mr. Speaker, I give the commitment 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 acts of horror that were 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 this never, ever happens again on American soil.

Today we gather in sorrow for the military heroes who have lost their lives at the Pentagon, for the thousands of Americans in New York who lost their lives in the horrible explosions at 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 will honor the incredible, wonderful, heroic rescue workers, medical personnel, firefighters 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 rescue workers 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 individuals unnamed Americans who perished on airplanes hijacked by ruthless terrorists and made into instruments of mass destruction.

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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 light or air between us. We stand shoulder to shoulder. We will trust one another in the days ahead. We will trust the White House, and we will ask to be trusted in the highest sense of that word, to find the answers that we can agree on to solve this problem, once and for all.

Freedom, freedom in America has burned for everyone in this world for over 200 years. Freedom was founded by our founding ancestors. What happened yesterday changes the nature of freedom in this country and every country forever. We live in a new world, and we will never go back. As leaders, we must find a new balance with our people between freedom and security. We must summon among ourselves our highest and best thought, our highest and best action, so that we can help lead our citizens to a new understanding in a new world of what it means to be free and also secure.

Freedom will not be defeated because of the power of our ideas, the values of our democracy and humanity, and because of the wonderful, heroic American people who each day breathe life into the ideas of freedom and democracy.

I ask my colleagues to vote for this resolution to condemn this attack, the...
worst attack in the beloved history of America; and let us move forward as one Nation, one people, for the sake of every single person on this entire planet who believes in freedom and believes in civilization and believes in humanity.

Let me end with the words of an old hymn that I love so much. We ask today for God’s help. When we face the unexplainable, when we face evil, we must turn to God. As the hymn said, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.”

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), the minority leader, for his comments and for his cosponsorship of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE).

Mr. HYDE. 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 matter on the legislation under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself self to the gentleman from Missouri.

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 survive, peace will not be kept, 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 named yesterday. It is 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 ourselves united 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 not simply a large 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 wringing 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 our friends and defenders for whom America stands in the world. These were acts of demonic evil whose 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. Wars have been fought for territory, for ideology, for plunder, for conquest. This war in which we are now engaged, and this is war, 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 symbol, the greatest contemporary 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 in 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 that we take the steps necessary, in both terms of policy and funding, to make sure we win that war. In doing so, we 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 fellow friends of the Chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

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

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 terror in human 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 international communism. Meeting the challenges of terrorism will test the resolve of the American people in a way that neither of our great predecessors did.

First, Mr. Speaker, we must close the wounds. As we speak, rescue teams are risking their lives to save those still buried in the smoldering rubble. Now is the time for all Americans to extend their hands, their hearts, and their prayers to the victims and to their families. We are a people of great compassion, Mr. Speaker; and we must come together as one Nation to help our fellow Americans in this hour of need.

Second, we must strengthen our defenses. We must take urgent steps to prevent such vicious acts of terror from ever being repeated. Yesterday’s dastardly acts exposed our Nation’s vulnerabilities. To ensure that the victims of this terror did not die in vain, we must prove to the perpetrators and to the world at large that America will emerge from this tragedy a much stronger nation.

Third, Mr. Speaker, justice must be done. We must marshal all of our strength and all our intelligence to find and apprehend those who dare to perpetrate such an act of evil against the United States. We must punish the guilty, but we must not end there. We must strike back against terror, destroy the guilty, and shatter their network and those dictatorships which support and harbor them.

We are not alone in this struggle. In this time of need, we turn to our friends and allies for assistance and for cooperation. Americans will not forget those who support us now, and we will not forget those who do not.

It has long been the policy of the United States to hold accountable those who harbor terrorists as sponsors of terrorism. We must now implement this policy with a new vigor.

I call on the Taliban in Afghanistan to turn over Osama bin Laden and his gang for their proper punishment.
I call on Yasser Arafat to put back in prison the terrorists he liberated unjustly.

I call on Iran to stop supporting the terrorists of Hezbollah who have brought death and destruction to their wake.

I call on Syria to close the headquarters of the various terrorist organizations in Damascus.

We must also demand, and I call on Russia, China, and North Korea to stop selling weapons of mass destruction to countries that harbor terrorists.

Let us begin here and now by finding a common voice and expressing our Nation’s sense of indignation, sorrow, and firm resolve. Let us demonstrate here and now the power of democracy.

As a survivor of the Holocaust, Mr. Speaker, I have vowed never to forget that dark chapter in human history. Yesterday’s act of terror again reminds us of man’s unlimited capacity for evil against his fellow man. This, too, we must not forget.

Yesterday, the United States of America lost its innocence, but history will show that America found a new unity and a new will to wage war against international terrorism. Let us begin the new history today.

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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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

The distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Hildebrandt) and our bipartisan leaders are commended 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 to promote 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 in the international war on 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.

We must attack against terrorists who has only just begun.

In light of yesterday’s attack, we must now fully review all of our policies toward international terrorism, the latest situation, and our intelligence capability. We must take all 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 freedom of our country will be brought to bear the full resolve of our great Nation. America is a 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 distinguished 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 friends and the colleagues who fell in yesterday’s savage attack. We shed tears with thousands of families whose lives have been shattered, and we mourn those 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 third that they libeled, 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 hiding, 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 will respond to this tragedy 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 are 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 contributed this country’s war 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 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. We struggle to 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 far away.

Each of us will be asked to do more, to live more, to follow 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 they do not even know, 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 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 united 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 touched by this tragedy, I believe we will all get through it together. Just as it has in every 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 are united behind our President. Our President should use any and all means necessary to avenge the lives of our fallen countrymen.
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, and our enemies will 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 are 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 numbers 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, whose lives, and some of whom sacrificed their own lives, to come to the aid of their countrymen and women. They are American heroes, and this Nation will honor them as such.

My own district in North Texas, for example, is already awash in American flags as Americans from all walks of life pay tribute to their brave countrymen and women. Mr. Speaker, that spirit of unity and of resolve will characterize America’s response to this cowardly barbaric assault.

Congress will stand united. Democrats and Republicans together, to do all we can to help the victims of this act of terror and to safeguard the liberty and security of the American people. And we will stand together as Americans, regardless of our political affiliation, to call the those responsible for these despicable acts.

We will fully support the President as he builds an international coalition against this cancer that threatens the entire world, and we will continue to be united when we respond to the evil of terrorism with the full force of the United States Government and of the American people. Make no mistake, the United States of America, supported by our friends and allies, will win this war.

May God bless the souls of those who died yesterday, and may He comfort the spirits of their families.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 1/2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), chairman of the Democratic Caucus.

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

Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a horrid day. On September 11, 2001, international outrages committed a cowardly, brutal attack against the United States of America, against innocent civilians, and against the brave, honorable men and women of our military.

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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 purpose which resolute and determined people, who are not to be satisfied with appeasement, who assisted in perpetrating this deed should take those words to heart, because resolve, too, is in our national character, as Admiral Yamamoto learned to his eternal regret. We do not go weeping through the streets. We do not wail 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 be glad 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 everyone who looks like our idea of the enemy actually is the enemy. Tragedy is no excuse to create new injustice. Let my 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 Americans may rediscover 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 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 more perfect union. Since that time, we have witnessed 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 we speak, the enemy must fight to win.

We must use 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 is brought 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 encouragement. The United States 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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the un-speakable 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 perish 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, our resolve must remain strong.

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, we will 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, and I quote, ‘Always we will remember the challenge on 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 provided 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 succumb to once your twisted lair 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 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 taken from the freedom, must lead us to renew our pledge of allegiance to our one Nation, under God, indivisible, and with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman 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 bleeds 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 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 law 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 dedicate the proper resources to deal with them in the appropriate way. Terrorists may be able to run, but they cannot 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 of all races and of all nationalities and of all religions.

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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. Seleznev, sent me a letter where he said the people who ordered and carried out this outrageous crime must be found and punished.

Our Nation is strong and determined. We will never turn back; no, we will never turn back from our commitment to a free and open society and our determination for a world community at peace with itself.

Those who engage in this madness will be tracked down, and they will be brought to justice. And for those who are hurt and for the families who lost loved ones in this unspeakable tragedy, they are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, today on this day, we pray for our people and we pray for our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER).

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into a colloquy with the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE). I would like to ask about the eighth resolve clause in this resolution.

In the gentleman's interpretation, does the intent of the phrase "sponsors" in terms of sponsor of terrorists, include the states or governments which harbor terrorists?

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

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 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 represses its own people and provides a safe haven for terrorists like bin Laden. This has not been the policy of our government over these last 5 years.

Now it is necessary for us to act with strength and determination, to wipe out terrorist states or governments which harbor terrorists.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE).

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the distinguished vice chair of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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

Mr. Speaker, the terrorists may have appeared to strike the symbol of American capitalism; but what they really struck was mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and children. 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 America always does in danger, as we 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 Nation that should believe that they can aid, abet, or give shelter to these terrorists without feeling our wrath. If nations harbor our enemies, then they are our enemy. If nations help our enemies, then they are our enemy.

Mr. Speaker, we will not stop until all those responsible are found and punished severely. Today America stands ready for the challenge ahead.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, what happened in New York at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon yesterday is unusual. It is shocking. It is unbelievable. But it did happen.

Mr. Speaker, we stand together, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as citizens of the world, as Americans, as brothers and sisters. We are a circle of trust that cannot be broken. We are one people. We are one family. We are one Nation.

But we must send the strongest possible message to the terrorists and to all of those who participated in this unbelievable conspiracy, this madness. Terrorists may destroy our buildings, terrorists may harm and kill our people, but terrorists will never, ever destroy the spirit of freedom and our love for democracy.

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Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE).
Mr. CRANE. 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 friends of those who were tragically killed by these 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. Speaker, I rise today with a profound sadness and deep remorse. I feel a weighty burden upon my heart. An unspeakable tragedy has struck our great Nation, one that makes finding the right words nearly impossible.

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 risked their lives. Many have lost their lives braving the horrors of the disaster.

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 hardship continues to unfold, 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 against those reprehensible acts. Strongly support the resolution 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 unanimously in passing this resolution to say that we stand by our fellow citizens, especially those of our grieving and 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 Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), assistant Democratic leader.

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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 Stuart Mills said, war is an ugly thing but it is not the ugliest of things. It is only at the crossroads, where 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 attack. Why? Because the United States of America, this Capital of 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 will tell my colleagues, it is still a very important struggle. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, he said the condition upon which God hath 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 see 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 our neighbors, 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 mas- sulate. They may of our constituents, our friends, our neighbors, our relatives, who do not yet know 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 our friends also mourn this. Two hundred of our firefighters, over 200, only of our firefighters, are dead. One of our police departments is 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. And in fact was a primary in the middle of an election when this happened. That election has since been set aside. I was in one part of my district where there was a race going on for county executive, millions of dollars being spent, the fight has raged for months and months with both sides at each other. And when the election was suspended, the campaign teams of both sides were seen on line together, side by side, at the blood bank.

We bleed together, 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.

We will not forget one of us, Demo- crats or Republicans, until the evil people who perpetrated this deed are found. We will not let any rock be unturned under which they have
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANEY), a member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a dark day that will be remembered for its unique horror and tragic loss of life. I ask for continued prayers for the families of the victims, President Bush, Vice President CHENEY, and members 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.

Our Ronald Reagan’s first day in office, he told a relieved Nation, upon news that American hostages were released after 444 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.

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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, at this time of profound sadness and tragedy, I join 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 stewardesses, 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 sacrifices.

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 using all means and resources 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 of the Potomac Institute, 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 nations and governments 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 unilaterally; it will require international 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, whether it be 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.

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

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 those terrorist acts from ever happening in the future.

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our efforts to protect our homeland came up short. Our policies that led to that shortcoming must be reevaluated and changed if found to be deficient.

When we retaliate for this horror we have suffered, we must be certain that only the guilty be punished. The military or political planning will only serve to flame the fires of war and further jeopardize our security.

Congress should consider using its constitutional authority to grant letters of marque and reprisals to meet our responsibilities.

Demanding domestic security in times of war invites carelessness in preserving civil liberties and the right of privacy. Frequently the people are only too anxious for their freedoms to be sacrificed on the altar of authoritarianism thought to be necessary to remain safe and secure. Nothing would please the terrorists more than if we willingly gave up some of our cherished liberties while defending ourselves against their threat.

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 America, and for the wisdom and determination required to resolve this devastating crisis.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), the distinguished dean of the House of Representatives.

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I support the legislation before us. I note that it expresses sympathy for the innocent victims and their families. I support it because it expresses support and sympathy for the firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel, and their families, who have served and who have lost their lives in their attempt to save others. It is to be supported because it supports our country and our American ideals, and I support the President’s efforts in implementing this.

We are dealing here with an act of war.

You know, Mr. Speaker, I am probably the only Member of this body who remembers the Declaration of War during World War II. I would note that less Americans were killed at Pearl Harbor than were killed yesterday in Washington and New York.

This is a declaration of war upon the United States, and while it is that we do not know exactly for sure yet who it is that has done this, this Nation has a serious responsibility. The first is to find out who did it, and then to address this matter with all force and vigor, because without this, we will never know peace again.

In addition to this, Mr. Speaker, it will be necessary for us to protect the civil liberties of Americans. We have some mistakes in our background: what we did to German-Americans in World War I, what we did to Japanese-Americans in World War II, and German-Americans and Italian-Americans in World War II. Those things cannot be done in this instance, and we must indeed see to it that we protect the great constitutional and indeed religious principles with regard to treating our fellow Americans well and properly.

This is a time for national unity. This resolution expresses that unity.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I say this: let us get about the great and the terrible business at hand. Let us identify the wrongdoers, let us punish 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.

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

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, I join all of my colleagues, all of my fellow Americans, in expressing our condolences and condolences for the victims of yesterday’s horrible 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 in the World Trade Center, and, as of mid-afternoon yesterday, still did not know his fate. We all keep those victims and families in our deepest prayers.

Yesterday was the most horrific attack against our nation in history, period. Today, shock turns to anger, and our challenge is to turn that anger into true resolve.

First, we must use all of our collective efforts in the rescue and rebuilding operations. There are heroes in New York and the Pentagon on the front line of that now; and we must give them all of the resources necessary and rebuild, including rebuilding the World Trade Center.

Second, at the same time, we must resolve to use all of our efforts to defend 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 all 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 nation-states involved, formally declaring war on all of those persons and entities, and prosecuting that war to its full conclusion.

God bless America.

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 prayers, support and heartfelt 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 strike only the 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 rededicate ourselves to the fight to defeat racism and hatred 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 no words sufficient 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 earlier today, when he said, “The call to evil and deadly war, 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 who are angry, 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 certain views, 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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we suffered 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.

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 Americans on the U.S.S. Cole and bombed our embassies in East Africa.

But let me go further. If the Taliban government refuses, we should go to war. Osama bin Laden cannot win, as we won the war in Kosovo, chiefly with air power and with the support of local allies. The Northern Alliance of Afghanistan shelled Kabul last night. That alliance may have suffered the death or 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 arm itself and defy the world by the end of this month.

We can, with permission or with impunity, fly over the territory necessary in order to bomb the Taliban and resupply 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 very quickly. We were there in days, as in which we had no economic stake. In the mid-1990s, we protected the Bosnian Muslims from genocid. In 1999, we went to war against Serbia, a Christian country, to protect its Albanian Muslim minority from ethnic cleansing.

Today we suffer 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 great 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 can no longer do business 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 United States. If the Afghan Government fails in its moral responsibility of giving us bin Laden, we must take harsh action. This would include providing arms and perhaps air cover to the forces in Northern Afghanistan and the legitimate government of that country. These forces have fought the Taliban to a standstill without our help. With very substantial American help these forces will march into Kabul.

We appreciate the statements of sympathy from chairman Arafat, but we must demand that he arrest terrorists in areas he controls. We should not wait until we have identified the particular terrorists responsible for today’s tragedy, nor should we limit our response to one particular terrorist organization.

Osama bin Laden may or may not be responsible for today’s crimes, but he is responsible for the attack on the USS Cole and for the second worst terrorist attack against America, the bombing of our embassies in east Africa. We must demand bin Laden be turned over to the United States to be tried for those crimes.

If we totally destroy the organization responsible for today’s crimes, other organizations will try to surpass today’s evil. We must root out all terrorist organizations. We must take harsh action against any country that harbors or supports terrorists.

We should seek life approval for our action; but we must act even if the U.N. does not.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from the North Carolina delegation (Mr. JONES), a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in December 1941, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese Admiral Yamamoto reportedly said, “I fear that all we have done is awakened a sleeping giant.”

Yesterday, nameless, faceless cowards took aim on the United States of America. They struck without warning with the hope that they could destroy the spirit of our great Nation. Let me say the giant is awake.

The despicable act reached deep into the heart of America and touched not only the families and friends of those who were killed in Washington and New York, but the lives of every citizen of the world who values freedom and democracy. It was not only an act of war, it was a crime against humanity.

All Americans are hurting over the cruel and senseless act of these criminals, but the history of America is that her people are strong; and like every national tragedy that has gone before, this one will be answered. The American people demand justice and justice they shall have, not through cowardly acts of terrorism, but by pulling together as a Nation to do what is required.

The cowards who initiated this act of war have failed. Rather than bring our country to her knees, the American giant has new strength. The Book of Nehemiah tells us that the God of heaven will give us success as we, his servants, start rebuilding.

Mr. Speaker, our faith in God and the strength of our democracy will help ensure that our Nation’s support will help us rebuild and, importantly, will help us ensure that justice is carried out. We will rebuild; we will have justice. The people of America deserve no less.

On behalf of the people of the third district of South Carolina, that I have the opportunity to serve, I pledge my support to our President as he moves to bring swift justice to these criminals and vote my full support for this resolution. God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAVIS), my colleague and friend.
Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this balanced resolution expressing heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families throughout the United States, as a part of this horrific disaster that happened yesterday, and support for working with the President to take swift and certain action towards those who committed this horrific crime and those who choose to harbor them before or after the fact.

Mr. Speaker, my community, the city of Tampa, Hillsborough County, the Tampa Bay area, has suffered some horrific tragedies in the past. We have had three law enforcement officers slain in the line of duty in the last year. We will never forget, I will never forget, the helping hand that was extended to us from across the country from other public safety officials.

Today, I would like to say on behalf of my community that we are literally pouring our hearts out to Northern Virginia and New York City. More than 2,000 units of blood have been donated just as of yesterday and that blood is on its way to New York City and Northern Virginia, and we in Florida have a lot of people who have friends and family that have moved from Northern Virginia and New York down to Florida, and this is our family too.

I also want to say that I will fully support the President and work closely with him and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to take swift and certain action against those who have perpetrated this indescribable act of inhumanity. We must get to the bottom of exactly who committed this act; we must send the message that we will not tolerate this kind of behavior ever again in a civilized society.

We must further understand and have an open and honest debate as to the failures that occurred in our system of security that was designed to provide the protection and freedom that we have taken for granted far too long in this country. We must make amends. We must do our best to restore the freedom and peace of mind that Americans have come to enjoy at the same time that we make it perfectly clear throughout the world that what 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 distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. FORBES), a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, 2001, America was irrevocably attacked. Americans 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 have never again see the faces of those who were lost. We will never experience the promise their lives afforded 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 them know 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 that sustains all 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 delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENDEL), my friend, a distinguished member of the Committee on International Relations.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am going to speak from the heart. I have had a very tough couple of days. I think America lost its innocence yesterday, and I just kept thinking that perhaps this was a bad dream. But when we woke 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 do not want to go back to the Twin Towers. I do not want to see the skyline when we come back to New York, look at the skyline, look at the World Trade Center. 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 colleagues, Mr. Speaker, this morning at 7 a.m. when I went over the George Washington Bridge to come back downtown, I looked at the Twin Towers and I thought, how could it be? How could it be that 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; the people who go to work, like millions of people in this great country go to work to earn a living to support their families, 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. 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 supported 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 this wonderful Nation. God bless America.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this morning, Americans awoke 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 lost our innocence.

I want to express our heartfelt grief for the victims and their families. We mourn their 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.

Thanks also 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 swiftly and decisively, and our response must be as forceful as our military can muster.

Our history has been defined by the resiliency of our people. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to claim 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. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT), a distinguished member of the Committee on International Relations.

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 the Pentagon yesterday and mourning.

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 her citizens, 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, 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. PLATTS).

Mr. PLATTS. 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 that justice prevails.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and another gentleman 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 mourning 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 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, its democracy, and the rule of law. As we respond to this unspeakable horror, we must uphold 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, we must work to 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 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON).

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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

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 five miles before that happened. I was in Vietnam as a POW. I know what a B-52s 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. To anticipate, the 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 at 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 declare war. It is a war, Mr. Speaker.

Let me read what the Canada National Post said today: “When foreign governments are discovered to be giving aid and succor to terrorists, they, too, must be hit. They must be hit as hard as possible and as often as possible to deter them forever.”

The Dallas Morning News said today, this morning: “We must remind the world of how precious freedom is and how relentlessly we will defend it. The rest of the world must know that we will not rest until we capture and punish the terrorists responsible, and any nation who protects them.”

May God bless and protect each and every one of us, and all America.

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

Mr. SAWYER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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 horrendous attack. 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 terror 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 act, we must also reach out to another hand to those who perpetrated it and those who sheltered them. The wanton cowardice, the deliberate targeting of innocents, demand justice. Justice
Mr. HOEFFEL. 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. We have in mind yesterday of that fourth ill-fated holiday. 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 inhuman 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 united Congress and the American people and the President to wage war against terrorism. America will not surrender its freedoms and will not give in to the terrorists, they also are an enemy of the United States; and we will wipe them out, too.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. In this terrible time, we are different, to demonstrate our 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 so deserts. We are
determined to seek out and hold responsible the perpetrators, and rekindle the light of liberty and freedom in all our citizens.

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. It is the beginning of the end for the cowardly, despicable terrorists.

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. Speaker, in my remarks, so too this tragic horror must be the beginning of the end for the forces of terror and cowardice all around the world, wherever we find them.

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.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY), my friend and distinguished member of the Committee on International Relations.

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding me this time, and I rise today in the strongest possible support for this resolution. I condemn these horrendous acts of terrorism as I praise all the unnamed heroes who risked their own lives in order to save others. And I grieve with those who experienced the loss of loved ones. My heart goes out today to the family of Barbara Edwards, a high
school teacher from southern Nevada, who was a passenger on the hijacked jet that crashed into the Pentagon. She leaves three children.

I support the President and our administration in the pursuit and punishment of those responsible for this heinous crime against humanity. Yesterday’s attack was an attack on everything that we believe in as Americans, everything we hold sacred as a nation.

It was an attack on freedom of speech. It was an attack on freedom of religion. It was an attack on innocent people: mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters simply going about their daily routines.

Our hearts may be broken and our eyes full of tears, but we 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 Virginia (Mr. WOLF), chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary of the Committee on Appropriations, who has been a leader in human rights and anti-terrorism efforts.

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 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 efforts.

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.

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 a few 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 forceful and relentless cause of action, 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, Brittly Wise Salinardi, is the wife of the property manager of the World Trade Center, Rich Salinardi. Rich is missing and Brittly is devastated with anxiety, having no word of his fate.

In our prayers with these extraordinary young people and their families and with all those 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 unconvincable acts of aggression.

I can assure the people of my State of Washington, many who have lost friends and loved ones, that in their grief, those acts will not go unpunished.

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 people. 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 freedom 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, this 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 the gentleman for yielding me this time; and I too rise in support of this resolution.

As 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 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 that can be seen 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 enduring spirit 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 were 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 women and children as their innocent victims 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 the 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 the sadness is almost overwhelming when we see images of destruction and that they targeted thousands of innocent people going about their daily lives.

For in our unity, we find our greatest strength and faith in ourselves and in our great nation.

To the American people, we feel the immense pain that you are suffering. To the people of New York, you demonstrate 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 as 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.

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 should doubt 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 vain for the missing, we offer our sympathy for bearing the brunt of this assault on our Nation.

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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. HOLSHOF).

Mr. HOLSHOF. 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.

There will right of human-kind is to be free from fear. Yesterday, every American had his or her civil rights forcibly violated. These unprovoked, yet provocative, attacks on the highest profile symbols of American culture have caused untold loss of life. Innocent victims perished for no other reason other than they were Americans.

As a Nation we were knocked to our knees with the graphic pictures and sounds as we collectively experienced the horrific tragedies in New York, near Pittsburgh, and here in Washington, D.C. We now remain on our knees and murmur a collective prayer to the God who has placed the dream of freedom in every human heart.

Mr. SMITH. Members of Congress, each one of us swore an oath to protect and preserve our liberty and freedom from all enemies, foreign and domestic. When a domestic terrorist selected Oklahoma City as his target, we extracted from him the least measure of punishment allowed by law. We must be as a body no less committed in this case.

The conspiracy of foreign enemies have committed acts of war against the sovereignty and against the security of these United States. Therefore, be it highly resolved that these honored dead shall not have died in vain.

You may have extinguished American lives, but you have not and never can extinguish our American spirit. We have and will continue to survive even this most difficult and painful assault on our Republic.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentleman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE).

(Ms. DEGETTE asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

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 extremists, a faceless lot who don’t even 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 wars will not be won with a single military strike. It will take wisdom and patience. Our challenge is to strengthen our defenses so that we can enforce that scenario 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.

I have been heartened by the response of the American people. Ordinary citizens became extraordinary 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 touching the foundations of the United States 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 yesterday. We must hold accountable those institutions and groups that have supported the madness. We must hold the line against hatred. We must stand up for humanity, for civilized society. We must stand against the tyranny of extremism.

And I know we will. As President Franklin Roosevelt said in his speech following the attack on Pearl Harbor: “We will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.”

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT).

(Mr. WATT of North Carolina asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS).

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WARRS), the distinguished chairman of the House Republican Conference.

Mr. WARRS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, there are few words that can articulate what our Nation experienced yesterday.

The tragedy that Americans experienced was a blemish on our Nation’s history. It was a day that will be remembered by families in New York City and Washington, D.C., and every town throughout the country. Unlike momentous days of joy that we tell our children and grandchildren about, September 11, 2001, will be a day that we will recall for years to come with sadness and with sorrow.

Like Pearl Harbor and the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, the surprise attack on the people and sites that run the country, our economy, our military and government will not be the final word. There can be no justice without peace, but there can be no peace without justice.

Over 6 years ago I stood on this floor and condemned the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Today, like 1995, we should remain strong. We should not succumb to fear. If we succumb to fear and paranoia, the terrorists have won. In this time of emergency and mourning, let us open our hearts to those that need our help.
Mr. Speaker, I urge my fellow Americans, if they can, give blood; if they can, give their time. Fly an American flag at half-mast. Take time to pray. Give thanks to those who are helping us through this crisis, and give thanks to those who suffer because of the acts of faceless cowards.

Our Nation will get through this upheaval. We will not let the pernicious intentions of an unidentified organization curtail the business or the strength of character of the United States of America.

To the families and friends of those who lost their lives, know they are not alone in their sorrow. I pray for them. We pray for them. And to the medics, the doctors and nurses, the firefighters, the police officers, the rescue workers, Salvation Army, Red Cross, and to all of the other emergency personnel on the scene of the incidents, we thank them for their service to our Nation and our sister communities here in Washington, D.C. and in New York.

Mr. Speaker, politics has taken a day off. Today Congress recognizes and remembers the afflicted and the sorrowing and those who came to the aid of their fellow man.

Benjamin Franklin observed in 1822 that the weather makes him think what we are all thinking today. He said, “Sorrow makes us all children again, destroys all differences of intellect. The wisest knows nothing.”

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their service and leadership during this national tragedy.

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

(Mr. KLECZKA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in disgust of yesterday’s terrorist acts, and in strong support of the resolution before us.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in disgust of yesterday’s terrorists acts and in strong support of this resolution.

The cowardly acts of terrorism carried out yesterday against fellow Americans are sickening and unparalleled since the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor nearly sixty years ago. Each of the commercial aircraft used as weapons were carrying innocent men, women, and children. And the timing of the assaults—around 9am on a weekday morning, seems to have been designed to maximize the loss of innocent life for those in all the buildings at-risk.

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Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOOLEY).

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

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 freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis—the same freedoms 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 chance we’ll never know how many Americans perished in these attacks.

We will 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 empathize with their plight.

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

We must set the same goals of previous generations of Americans, and seek an absolute and unconditional victory that ensures our sons and daughters live in peace, and friends and neighbors are never, ever again exposed to terrorism.

We stand together as members of Congress and as Americans in our resolution 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 embodiment 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, 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. We must first comfort 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 against the terrorists and ensure that this never happens again. We must conduct ourselves with dignity and resolve, confident in our 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 this resolution and I join with all Americans and so many New Jerseyans who are personally affected by this crisis in prayer for the victims of yesterday’s unthinkable, horrible acts of terrorism against our people. Words cannot properly express our sorrow for the victims and their families.

For those of us who come from New York and New Jersey, our friends and neighbors who work in lower Manhattan and commute every day from our hometowns, their families and their lives have been changed forever by yesterday’s unspeakable events, as well as for our military and civilian personnel at the Pentagon. We feel for their loved ones, their children, their spouses and family members whose lives have been irreversibly changed forever.

We also salute the courage and professionalism and heroism and generosity of so many firefighters, police, emergency and medical personnel, and volunteers of their own blood, food, shelter and comfort. These volunteers have and continue to offer themselves so unselfishly.
The President and all Americans pledge our support to assist all the families and victims of these tragedies. We will hold accountable those responsible wherever they may be, that they may be brought to justice. We will do all that is called for and all that is needed in defense of our country and its citizens and to bring these criminals to justice.

As Americans, we have always known that Freedom is not free. Countless Americans have fought and secured these freedoms, and now as our Nation is again tested, we will be as strong as a Nation, united as a people, and more committed than ever before to the defense of those freedoms, our citizens and our great Nation.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD), my friend and colleague. 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 condemnation of 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 and families directly impacted by yesterday’s horrific acts of violence and in condemnation of the cowardly acts of terrorism against our country.

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, it 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 criminals and the force man- ner 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.

Those who perpetrated this heinous act have reawakened a sleeping giant, and they should know that their acts of cowardice will never break our spirit or lessen our love for freedom and democracy. Their evil has united us and will make us stronger and more resolved to fight for the ideals upon which this great Nation was founded. The attack on America may change our view of the world but it will not change our American spirit.

God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN), my good friend and distinguished colleague.

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues in support of this resolution before us.

I come to the floor deeply distraught and outraged by the senseless terrorist actions perpetrated yesterday against the American people. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims of these crimes and with their families, and I wish to pay special honor to those who call Rhode Island their home: Amy Jarret of North Smithfield; Carol Bou- chard from my hometown in Warwick; Renee Newell of Cranston; Shawn Nassaney of Pawtucket; and David and Lynn Angell of Barrington. Sadly, in the days and weeks ahead the number on this list will grow, and I offer my deepest condolences to the loved ones of these innocent victims.

For more than two centuries, Rhode Island, and indeed America, has been a bastion of democracy, freedom and tolerance, principles and ideals that were targets of yesterday’s cowardly attacks. However, Rhode Islanders and all Americans are also known for their indomitable and strong spirit. Our resolve and love for freedom will not be broken by terrorism.

As a member of the Committee on Armed Services, I vow to do all in my power to find those implicated in these attacks and bring them swiftly to justice.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake about it, all these terrorists have done is awaken a sleeping giant, and now this Nation stands united. It is our responsibility in Congress to protect the American people and our democratic ideals, and I stand by the President and our leadership in these endeavors.
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Mr. Ortiz. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Ortiz].

Mr. Ortiz asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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 victims killed 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 the terrible attack on the World Trade Center yesterday, I wasn't altogether sure we would see it again.

This building, representative of 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 vigilance 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 only in that Pearl Harbor was a military base and that it was attacked 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, patriotic citizen 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 in reality.

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 sent a continent, explored space and leads the world in the global economy. It is easy to see why there are those who despise 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 our nation.

This tragic attack killed men women and children from nations throughout the world, 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 way of many people, many ideas, but one spirit. Let no enemy misunderstand when these many people speak with one loud, angry voice: we will find you and we will punish you. We are stronger than you and more powerful than you and we have more moral courage than you because you value life. Even when you attack innocents, Americans will always fight back, and we have evidence that this place could well have been spared for the heroic efforts of some of the victims on the plane in Pennsylvania.

Let this memory of Americans to bear the burden of going to work on behalf of our nation with the fearlessness of our soldiers on a battlefield. Let it move each American to remember these immortal words from the fountains of our nation, "Don't tread on me." America is a powerful force with which to be reckoned. We will find the responsible party. We resolve to find who did this—we punish our enemies. We will do this in memory of every victim of this terrorist act, and we will do it on behalf of the liberties for which the victims of this attack died in a battle they did not anticipate.

We should express a special appreciation of the firefighters and law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the effort to save civilians in the rubble of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Law enforcement officers and fire fighters have a tremendously painful job to do and they are ready exhausted. Please say a prayer tonight for the injured and unaccounted for here and in New York, pray for the victims' families involved in this murder, pray for the victims who are helping them find their loved ones, and pray for our nation, that we exercise good judgment in our quest to make someone take responsibility for this.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York [Mr. LaFalce], the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Financial Services.

Mr. LaFalce asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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

Mr. Speaker, on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt said that day shall go down as a day of infamy. On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked, and I believe that day will go down as our day of greatest infamy. Over 2,000 were killed at Pearl Harbor. I fear that the dead and injured in yesterday's sneak attack will be far, far greater than that.

Tom Brokaw wrote a book entitled "Our Greatest Generation." I enjoyed that book. I was proud of the men and women who made up, who make up, that greatest generation. We responded to the attack on Pearl Harbor with unity; decisively, forcefully. And I am supremely confident that we will match the American response of the forties, that we are unified, that we are decisive, that we are voluntary, as decisively and forcefully as we acted against Japan, and that perhaps one day our present generation might be known, because of our response, as the greatest generation.

Many people believe in a supreme being. Some call the supreme being God, others refer to Yahweh and others refer to Allah. I only hope and pray that whatever one's faith, we will all come to realize that we can only serve the supreme being's will by acts of love, not by acts of killing. I hope that day will come soon.

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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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, the American people 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 win. It is time to make clear to the world 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 this 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 and his 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 a vicious, well-planned and cold-blooded act of mass murder. Many have compared these horrible acts with September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and our support for the United States Military. America remains the land of the free while we take the steps required to prevent this from ever happening again. I urge 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.

Mr. Speaker, these tragic images are unimaginable. Yet we know that they are real and the perpetrators of this nightmare 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 doubt, we will do whatever is required to punish those responsible for these despicable acts of war and all who harbor them.

Mr. Speaker, Americans have always known that freedom is not free. It often comes with enormous cost and it often imposes tremendous responsibilities. Throughout our history, our citizens have always been willing to pay that price to preserve the privileges of our lives and their fortitude so that all of us will continue to receive the blessings of liberty. My generation and my parent 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 permanent 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 face whatever the face of this war will take 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 far more important than words. We stand united as a country and as a Congress. We will not rest until those responsible for these acts are brought to justice. We will hunt down the terrorists and make whatever sacrifices are required to preserve our freedom and liberty. No matter what the price, we will defeat evil. There will be no appeasement. Our cause is just. Our great country will prevail.

May God grant his peace to the victims and to all who mourn. God Bless America.
My thoughts and prayers are first and foremost with the victims and their families. We have not yet begun to comprehend just how many people were murdered, injured and affected by this attack. I am also praying for all who are involved in the rescue efforts that continue. Tens of thousands of us will be mobilized to search for people and provide care for those injured. Maine medical professionals have contacted me to find out how they can help. I know that people around the country are doing all they can to contribute to this effort.

Once the victims are fully accounted for, I expect many of us who will not know someone who was killed or injured or someone who knew a person who was killed or injured. This is truly a national tragedy. I spoke this morning with a Maine man whose brother, a New York City firefighter, has been killed. I know that there are many others in Maine who are grieving or awaiting news.

As a nation, working with our allies, will expend all necessary resources to identify who is responsible for this attack, and take action to ensure that they are swiftly and severely punished. We will identify states that have harbored and supported terrorists, and ensure that they are swiftly and severely punished. This was an act of war, and we will respond as such.

As a nation, we must begin the process of rebuilding. We will support the rescue and clean-up efforts that 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 security which has been knocked off-center. We will not allow terrorists to send us cow- lowing, or to 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 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 light 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 many of the people of my district in New York were struck by tragedy. We lost family and friends, firefighters and police, loved ones and heroes.

One of those heroes is Ray Downey of Deer Park, the New York City Fire Department’s Chief of Special Operations Command. Ray responded to the attack on the World Trade Center and is still missing. His family still has hope, but they need our prayers.

For all of our families, we offer prayers. For Mayor Giuliani and Governor Pataki we offer thanks. And for the cowards who committed this crime, we submit our resolve.

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 this act of terrorism.

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 terror- ists 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 House and likened 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 determina- tion 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, 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 conforming changes as may be nec- essary to comply with the order of the House.

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

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, and we pledge that we will not lose sight of this res- olve 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 of our finest men and women. One victim was Victor Saracini, a United Airlines pilot and native of Atlantic City, New Jersey, who died when 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 sub- missed 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 sympathy 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 by every corner of this Nation. I know that Congress joins with me today to mourn their loss and to send our con- dolences to their families.

Even under these horrible circu- mstances, heroes arose. I want 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 the finest tradi- tion of the Coast Guard service.

Mr. Speaker, terrorism has attacked America and declared war on our na- tion. We must now act to punish both the terrorists who planned and carried out these dastardly acts, as well as those organizations and states who harbor and encourage this. I urge all of my colleagues to strongly support this resolution.

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 reso- lution be extended 2 hours, equally di- vided 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?
Today, we stand united, to mourn our losses, but determined to show the resolve upon which our Nation has always prided itself. We have strength that can only be found in a free people. In the words of Lincoln, today, 'we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this Nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.'

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART), a member of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Yesterday, terrorists attempted to spread fear throughout this great land as they murdered innocent men, women and children. These 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 damped.

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 American freedom burned stronger. 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 survivors and comfort those who suffer. Our prayers go out to the victims, 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 remains invincible. Our core principles, justice, liberty, and democracy, will remain forever unsoaked. 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.

"Today, I am at home with my fellow New Yorkers in this terrible, dark hour, but did not want this tragedy to pass without expressing my words on this floor of the longest and greatest democracy in the world."

"Like all Americans, I watched with a heavy heart the details of this attack and its aftermath emerge on the news. And like so many people, I still wait to hear word of friends and colleagues that were in the lower Manhattan area yesterday and pray for a miracle. The feelings I have of great sorrow, disbelief, and anger towards those responsible are feelings that I hope and pray I will never have cause to feel again in my life."

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families who suffered needlessly at the hands of cowardly terrorists. Those police and firefighters who died, and who are risking their lives as this very House meets, I offer my sincerest gratitude to the many heroes who emerged yesterday, as well."

"Unfortunately, we all too often forget the great sacrifice that the men and women of New York's finest and bravest make every day, until tragedy hits. After yesterday, with 300 or more firefighters and police feared dead, I do not believe we will forget how they lay their lives on the line every single day so that they may save ours."

Mr. Speaker, all New Yorkers understand and feel empathy for those who lost loved ones on hijacked flights. New Yorkers, and indeed all Americans, will remember those victims at the Pentagon, for putting their lives at risk and paying the ultimate price, so that we can live our lives in freedom. In the end, that is what this comes down to for us. To the majority of the world, our Nation stands as a beacon of hope. To those who want to crush freedom, to have people live in fear, our Nation stands as a rebuke as well as a threat.

"However, what those enemies of freedom fail to understand is that no amount of physical damaged can kill the ideals for which this Nation stands. Just as Pearl Harbor roused the sleeping giant to crush those who attacked it, this Nation must crush those who have declared war on us now.

"Let there be no mistake: We are at war, and have been for some time. We must make it clear, we will find those terrorists responsible for yesterday's attacks and punish them. That we will find, and punish, all those who seek to murder innocent people through terrorism. To those nations harboring and protecting terrorists, they are not friends of ours. To you, our friends in the world, we will not give in to those nations harboring and protecting America's friend, you are no friend of ours. If you encourage hatred of the United States, and proclaim these attacks some sort of heroic act, you are no friends of ours. If you pay tribute to terrorists, you are no friend of ours. If you do not cooperate with our efforts to find terrorists and bring them to justice, you are not friend of ours.

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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 power and prosperity, and America, 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 overcome before, and it 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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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

Today, in the House of Representatives, we feel the need to speak of the unspeakable: 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, it is our responses to terrorism 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 horrendous loss of 2400 American lives in the Pacific may even exceed 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 were allowed 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 in Washington. Here in Congress, we are changed. Each of us, regardless of party label or ideology, has set aside our differing views to swear a unified commitment to supporting those most harmed, to relentlessly seeking the perpetrators of this act of war, and to bringing about a swift and just response. Both Democrat and Republican stand solidly behind our President as he leads us in a war of vengeance.

And around the world, there is also a change—a new understanding of the threat which exists to 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 changed, much remains 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 learned in Lemonade Street 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 impunity. Evil may be unsurpassable but it will not be victorious.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL), my friend and colleague.

(Mr. RAHALL asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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

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 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.

These historic events remind us that evil must be 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 action 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 dear 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 as 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 brought to justice.

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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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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, each 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 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 try to get that 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 earth 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 each time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS).

(Mr. TOWNS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 the United States. 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. 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 evil 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 cannot and 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 searching through the rubble of the World Trade Center for one more survivor. He uncovered aattered American flag, and he climbed to the top of the remains of a leaning north spire, raising the flag to express the spirit of patriotism shared by all Americans in this time of national travails.

The House resolution 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 reassess who we are as a people and what we stand for, to look back at the values America was founded upon, and to draw strength from the sacrifices of these most recent martyrs for democracy, and going forward to secure our future by fighting back against this invisible enemy and making decisions to ensure our safety and our freedom.

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, in his extraordinary book, “Night,” Professor Elie Wiesel observed that when events are unspeakable, it takes some time to find the right words.

Yesterday’s events are unspeakable. Try as we might, we cannot find the right words to fully express our grief, our sympathy, our pain, our outrage.

Words may fail us, but the images of yesterday’s attacks are forever indelible on our minds. We will never forget the scenes of planes striking buildings,
hugestructures tumbling, our fellow Americans lying dead in New York and Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon.

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 visit, but on the faces of acts not on the acts of indescribable evil, but of incredible humanity. Because through yesterday’s darkness and horror came the bright light of American courage, the compelling beacon of goodness and strength.

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 amazed by the long lines that have formed all over the country of people donating their blood.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the terrorists destroyed our buildings and they killed many of our brothers and sisters, but they have not destroyed our spirit. They will never defeat our resolve. They cannot undermine the principles of freedom and democracy that undergird our society.

Mr. Speaker, like so many Americans, I have turned to find strength from Isaiah, Chapter 40, Verse 31: "I have turned to find strength undergird our society. They cannot undermine the principles of freedom and democracy that undergird our society.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday Americans were reminded in a very vivid and morbid way, 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 there were acts of cowardice.

We know 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.

Was this crash an act of self-sacrifice by the pilot, crew, or passengers which prevented 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 and our 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 will in no way diminish the spirit of the freest people who have ever 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 279 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, like us, speak, for survivors and victims. Like many of my colleagues and many Americans, my first reaction was to assess the safety of 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. I cannot believe that the everyday life of every American’s life was affected. It is from that very fabric of community that we derive our real strength, not just from our economic energy 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 all Americans. To those who have harbored these criminals: We will not rest until justice is served. To those who have harbored these 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 may have survived.

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 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 require to the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. LEWIS of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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

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 has any real 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 shot or a military attack. It was murder, an act that is abhorred by all nations and all faiths. We must do whatever is needed to protect our homeland from such unconscionable attacks.

Our 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 may have survived.

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 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 2 minutes to my friend...
and colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Boehlert), chairman of the Committee on Science.

(Mr. BOEHLERT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, this tragedy was unspeakable, unimaginable, unbearable, unbelievable. Suddenly, we have a sense of being overwhelmed by a reality that had been inconceivable just yesterday morning. All Americans. I think, have reacted with the same mix of emotions: fear, anger, loss, horror; perhaps most of all, horror, a horror that keeps creeping back as one tries to return to daily life.

But this tragedy has also evoked the best in people as we have united to reassure family and friends and neighbors and even strangers; as Americans have lined up to donate blood; as New Yorkers and Washingtonians and volunteers from across the country have rushed to offer their services and expertise; as police and firefighters and other rescue workers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We are going to need more of that in the days and weeks ahead as the full enormity of this horrific crime hits home. We must, with clarity, as we figure out how to deal with the future threats in this wholly unfamiliar and unexpected world in which we now find ourselves.

But for now, we must concentrate on recovering emotionally and returning to daily life. We must, with clarity, as Lincoln said, bind up the Nation's wounds and care for him who hath borne the battle, and his widow, and his orphan. We must pray that some day we will live to see the biblical prophecy fulfilled, the prophecy that is the antithesis of care: "Each shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree and none shall be made afraid."

They can destroy our buildings, but they cannot destroy our spirit. They can bring us to tears; they cannot bring us to our knees.

Today, America is united and strong and determined as we stand tall and face the future.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me. Mr. Speaker, it is a bit unusual on this Floor usually reverberates with debate, but I would like to begin by asking 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, firemen and EMTs still risking their lives for rescue and recovery efforts. I have been assured by the administration that all necessary and available resources have 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 peace of mind.

For my part, I am determined that the improvements in aviation security, which I have advocated for more than a decade, will no longer be turned aside by cost considerations 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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 inhuman 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. Our love of goodness 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, God's 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 forevermore.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to my dear friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. Pelosi), the distinguished ranking member of our Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a day from hell, a day when terrorists who do not value human life engaged in a demonic act which has touched everyone in America; indeed, in the world.

But this was a sophisticated, calculated and coordinated attack by the lowest of the low, the dregs of our society, a day when terrorists who do not value human life engaged in a demonic act which has touched everyone in America; indeed, in the world.

And indeed, in the spirit of the American people, God has blessed America.

God blessed us with the courage of the public safety workers, including hundreds of firemen who plunged into a burning, crumbling building to help people escape, risking their own lives; indeed, sacrificing them.

God blessed America with the compassion of the American people across our country, giving blood and offering help in so many ways.

God blessed America with the determination of our public servants in this building, our Capitol Police, the military, and so many who helping this government go forth, foiling, foiling the plot of these terrorists who want to create panic in our country and stop our government.

The magnificent city of New York, which has led our country in so many ways, will rise from the ashes like the great Phoenix and will be stronger than ever. People across the country all have a special fondness for New York. It is the center of commerce and the arts, and its beautiful and magnificent diversity is a source of strength to our great country. The energy of New York will not be deterred.

That will be our message: New York rising from the Phoenix, leading the recovery of our entire country from this terrible tragedy. That is the message to the cruel, cowardly terrorists: God has blessed America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Pitts), a member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 61.

Terrorists have declared war on America. What happened yesterday was not merely a crime, it was an act of war. It was a massive attack by a foreign power, a terrorist organization on American soil.

We are used to calling terrorist attacks the senseless acts of cowards. But this was a sophisticated, calculated and coordinated attack by deadly savages; trained terrorists. The public safety workers knew precisely what they were doing, 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 punished for no other reason than that they are 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, and they espouse ideologies like radical Islam and Stalinism despite 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 no time for a measured response. 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 targets 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. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ROTHMAN).

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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 our public servants, police, fire fighters, 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 hideous 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 National 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 I want to compliment the distinguished 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 have the will, the resources, the determination; that we are going to find out who the terrorists are, we are going to bring them to the light of day, and so they kill.

Today, I have had numerous visits with those dealing with this tragedy. One of the visits I made today was to the Pentagon the night before 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, the police, fire fighters, 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 today to all of our Members, 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 this to go by without some immediate action 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 want to be on record, 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 here in our country, to rebuild and to help 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 funding 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 dastardly act.

It is my intention, Mr. Speaker, that on 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 Memorial Day recess. And I am going to work on what the additional funds for airport security, the 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 dastardly act.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, was a dark day in the history of our country. Today, we are blooded but not bowed. We are a country united. Here in Congress we are neither Democrats nor 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 profound sympathy of the whole country for the victims of 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 take haven, and striking back swiftly and severely; so severely that even families of those who perished in the attacks will never be able to find peace.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODLATTE), a member of the Committees on Agriculture; Education and the Workforce; and Judiciary.

(Mr. GOODLATTE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, as we adopt this resolution today condemning the attacks against the United States, our words cannot adequately express the sorrow and anger we feel at this trying time. Our hearts grieve for the families of those who have been lost to these acts of terrorism, but the depth of that grief is difficult to fully comprehend.

The sight of thousands of people spontaneously gathering at places of worship yesterday gives us just a glimpse of the compassion in the hearts of the folks around the country. But beneath that compassion burns a white-hot anger. It burns with a fury that begs to be unleashed on the perpetrators of this act of war. Because we must make no mistake about it, September 11, 2001, was the clarion call to arms in a new war against terrorism. It will be a war America has never fought. The enemy is nameless, faceless, and operates without borders.

We use words like barbaric and cowardly to describe this enemy, but we must also recognize that this evil operates with cunning and sophistication. 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 or donate 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 them. 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 may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Boyd).

(Mr. BOYD asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J.Res. 61.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, our great nation suffered its 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 impossibly formidable enemy who will not hesitate to destroy innocent life.

CIA Director George Tenet has said in testimony before Congress that terrorist attacks are imminent. It is impossible to predict with certainty 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 aggressively, 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, 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.

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 bigger than the World Trade Center, taller than the Pentagon, and mightier than any destructive device. America is an idea. This idea will never be extinguished by despicable acts of terrorism. 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 perished. It 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 stop living 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 decorated 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 America's sense of safety and security.

No longer can we deny the fact that there are people in this world who seek to violate our cherished ideals of liberty, wise tolerance and an enduring peace. But those that live under the security of this Republic are resilient. From the sorrow, confusion and fear will come resolve, focus and confidence. We are coming together in service, prayer and dedication to those in need and we will persevere.

To those who committed this horrific and cowardly attack, your attack on America and freedom itself has failed. With the full force of the United States Government and those responsible. They will be punished severely.

Nation-supported 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. God bless America.

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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

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 will exercise 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, I have other thoughts about aviation security. On December 21, 1988, the world of aviation security was changed forever as a terrorist bomb tore 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. In the creation of the President's Civil 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 at stake, and again we struggled to reevaluate the state of domestic and international commercial air service.

As we set about the task, I urge caution in making snap decisions on drastic changes in 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 enhancing aviation security. In the Commission's 1990 Report, we found the nation's civilian aviation security system to be seriously flawed, and made 64 recommendations to correct the problems, which culminated in the passage of the Aviation Security Improvement Act of 1990. Six years later, spurred by initial concerns that a terrorist act was responsible for the TWA 800 explosion, President Clinton organized another commission, the 1996 White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security, which made 31 recommendations for enhancing aviation security. Again, Congress acted swiftly and, in the 1996 FAA Reauthorization Act, included measures to intensify security.

The problem is enormous and growing—666 million passenger enplanements annually, expected to grow to over 1 billion by 2010, with several hundred million pieces of luggage to screen. Likewise, the magnitude of the threat is growing and changing. Between 1961 and 1972, there were over 84 domestic hijackings. In 1972, in response to this rash of hijackings, FAA ordered metal detector searches of passengers and x-rays of carry on bags. In 1974, the Congress imposed these requirements legislatively with the passage of the Airline Hijackings Act of 1974.

As we installed metal detectors to find guns, the threat changed to bombs aboard aircraft. Following Pan Am 103, and based on the Commission's recommendations, significant steps have been taken to invest and deploy new techniques and equipment to detect items that pose an aviation security threat.

Since the passage of the 1996 FAA Reauthorization Act, Congress has provided more than $350 million for our airports' security, equipment, and over $250 million in research funds. To date, the FAA has installed 92 FAA-certified explosives detection machines at 35 airports, 553 explosives trace detection devices at 84 U.S. and foreign airports, and 18 advanced technology x-ray inspection machines at 37 airports. The airlines have also invested heavily in security equipment.

We have made great strides in aviation security. However, I have long expressed my concern about reports that, although the FAA is deploying this much needed equipment, there is no long-term strategy for integrating that equipment into a seamless security system.

It is also of paramount importance to maintain passenger-screening checkpoints and ensure that the screeners who operate them are qualified. Millions of passengers and pieces of baggage pass through our airports each day. However, high turnover, low wages, and lack of adequate training hinder security screener performance. Both the General Accounting Office and the Office of Inspector General have uniformly described security screener performance as the "weak link" in aviation system. I believe that the FAA and the airlines share the responsibility to ensure optimal performance of security screeners.

We have also received reports from the Office of Inspector General regarding the inefficaciveness of FAA's background investigative procedures, and the vulnerabilities in airport access control.

Congress responded to these concerns on two fronts: The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act (AIR 21), P.L. 106-181, authorized $5 million annually for the DOT to carry out at least one project to test and evaluate innovative aviation security systems. The bill also authorizes such sums as may be necessary to develop and improve security screener training. Such sums as are necessary to hire additional inspectors to enhance air cargo security programs.

Last year, Congress passed the Airport Security Improvement Act, P.L. 106-528, which requires criminal history record checks for those individuals who apply for a security sensitive position as a screener or a screener supervisor and adds several crimes to the list of crimes that would disqualify an individual from such a position. The law requires the expansion of FAA's electronic fingerprint transmission pilot project into an aviation-industry-wide program to allow for quick turnaround on criminal background checks, 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 also share in that responsibility—and they should not push costs above passenger safety. We must also be more aggressive in our intelligence gathering, evaluation, and dissemination. This is the most challenging aspect of
our aviation security network. It is difficult to penetrate these highly secretive organizations that operate on a war-like footing. Counter-terrorist policies also require renewed higher-level coordination through Interpol, with our allies, and with other nations like Russia and China, as the PanAm 103 report demonstrated years ago. The skills of terrorists now have been stepped up several levels since the Commission’s 1990 report. We must ensure that our counter-intelligence rises to meet that threat.

With the appropriate counter-intelligence ef-
forts and security implemented to the fullest extent, never will we be seared on our individual and collective memories.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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 61. Like most 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 they grieve, 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. 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 simple: never forget and never again.

Never will we forget the terror and tragedy of this day. Just as our children and grandchildren ask, Where were you when Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan or when President Kennedy was shot by Oswald, so too will they ask where were we when America was attacked by the stealth enemy of cowardice and terror, now vanquished.

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 than that the strength and meaning of our vote today. This measure is more than 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.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ESHOO), my good neighbor, dear friend and distinguished colleague.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) 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, “So help me God.” 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, for those whose lives have been forever altered, for those who are living in the face of God this evening; and to their families, in God we trust; and ourselves, that we will help to heal one another; and that in God we trust, have entrusted our lives in the noble American Union, to liberty and safety. Television that has moved to take care of those that have fallen.

So in God we trust today in the ingredients of our democracy, that are imprinted and engraved in the wood of the bench 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. As 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 united 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 a people and a Nation; 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 stafis, 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. HEFLEY), a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday’s devastating terrorist attacks will forever be etched in 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 citizens gave their lives for a cause they did not know, for an issue they were not concerned. An attack against civilian targets of war, again, for children, mothers and fathers, peaceful 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 risk their lives and continue to risk their lives to find the victims and rescue the injured. The men and women who 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 harbors them. Yesterday, the United States of America was the greatest Nation on the face of the Earth.

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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 friend and colleague.

(Me. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow and sympathy that I join my colleagues to condemn the horrific acts of terrorism yesterday in New York City and here in our own Nation’s capital.

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.

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, we try to make sense of yesterday’s senseless actions, we will remember that our Nation’s response to these acts will also leave an indelible mark on the 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. Speaker, I have complete confidence that America will rise to the challenge.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE), a member of the Committee on Agriculture.

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

When examined in the context of history, yesterday will prove to be the most tragic single day in the history of the United States.

It has been my experience that true character is revealed most clearly in times of crisis. As we recover from this event, our character as a Congress and a Nation will be demonstrated. There will be several parameters that will be particularly revealing.

First, we can be divided, cast blame, point fingers and dissolve into partisanship, or we can unify, pull together, and strive to be one Nation. The whole is always greater than the sum of its parts. Unity of purpose is critical.

Second, we can become hesitant and fearful or we can show great courage. The United States is mightier than any group of terrorists. We have resolve and reassurance that our unity is strong and our patriotism can never be doubted.

I will not allow the spirit of democracy to be destroyed. We will stand tall, bring those responsible to justice, and ensure that our unity as Americans together, black and white, rich and poor, Democrats and Republicans, to ensure that an event such as this never occurs again on our land.

As a member of the Committee on Armed Services and its terrorism panel, I will stand with our President to locate the cowards who harbored and funded these suicide pilots. Just as importantly, I will continue to strongly support more funding for counterintelligence activities and fighting terrorism both domestically and abroad.

It is truly unfortunate that it took a terrible tragedy like the one yesterday to force policymakers to rethink our priorities, and yet I know I am safe in saying that those who are here today will not see a repeat of yesterday.

So how can the mightiest, the wealthiest Nation in the world prevent such an attack in the future? The first step is to take a look at our priorities and make it an order that will reflect our desires to protect American citizens.

I firmly believe that the biggest risk to our country, to all Americans, is not some missile from some rogue Nation but terrorists, those who harbor terrorists will be treated as terrorists.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, both are threats, but as a country we need to get our priorities right. We need to devote more funds to counterintelligence support and infrastructure and education of terrorist activities. Yesterday was an assault on the freedom of every American, and we must come together and offer our support.

Today, we grieve those who have lost their lives. As we pray for their families, we speak in one voice to condemn these attacks. Today, the healing must begin.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). In order for the managers to better manage time, the Chair wishes to inform Members that the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 50 minutes remaining, the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) has 31 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES), a member of the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution. This is a solemn moment in our Nation’s history. American men and women, civilians and soldiers, fighters and police, mothers and fathers, were slain yesterday for a cause so terrible, so heinous, and so despicable that we find it completely unimaginable.

Today, we struggle as a Nation to find meaning and hope in a seemingly hopeless and meaningless act. In the days to come, America will be united, shoulder to shoulder, in a struggle to meet the challenges of a world that is a little less safe, a little scarier and far less predictable. Nevertheless, we will unite to comfort our families, our neighbors and our friends who have lost their lives, their loved ones, and their friends through these acts of terrorism.

We will unite, resolved to find the terrorists and those that harbor them so we can bring them to justice. We will unite in retaliation for a war that has been brought to our soil. And, Mr. Speaker, we will prevail.

Our Nation will rebuild what these terrorists have torn down. We will renew our faith that has been tested. And we will renew our determination and our spirit that has been weakened but not broken. We will come together and renew our love for our country and for our fellow Americans. We will never forget those that died and we will not forget the commitment we have made to them and their loved ones to bring their attackers to justice.

Mr. Speaker, God bless the families and children grieving across this great Nation today.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Ms. HARMAN), but terrorists.

Ms. HARMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.

Mr. Speaker. Ms. HARMAN, I thank my colleague for yielding me this time.

My generation lost its innocence when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. With yesterday’s events, our children and our grandchildren lost their innocence. My 16-year-old daughter asked me last night how we could live in a country where planes crash into buildings. My response was, ‘Mr. Speaker, you didn’t do it. Now how do we respond to yesterday will measure us, Mr. Speaker. I want to applaud our colleague who urged us yesterday to pray
for the wisdom to make the right decisions. 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 on September 11th 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, second, we must protect our 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 away our way of life.

We will defeat terrorism. We will honor the memories of my constituents, Raytheon executives Peter Gay and Stanley Hall, and Boeing 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 distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KROLLENDER), a member of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. KROLLENDER. 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 upon the altar of God eternal hostility against the innocent, defined 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 demoralize the United States because of our ideas of freedom and liberty. We can only dedicate ourselves to determining how this terrible attack occurred, redouble our efforts to define the enemy, and 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. When 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."

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.

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I returned to work today, as did all Americans, confident that the United States of America is as strong as ever. We are bloodied, but unbowed. Now is the time for us as a Nation to stand together and prove that the principles for which we stand are stronger than the forces that would destroy them.

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, against this backdrop of an unfolding and unending 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.

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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 smouldering 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 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, written in a different era, 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. Americans will live, 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 warfare 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 confront the tragedy.

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 for yielding me time, and I thank the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, the gentleman from Virginia, for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the 18th Congressional District, I offer my deepest sympathy. Today, Mr. Speaker, I am as proud to be an American as ever, because we are not afraid. I do not want to express my deep pain and sadness regarding the tragic events that took place on United States soil yesterday morning.

The aggressive and unwarranted seizing of civilian airplanes originating at airports in Newark, Boston, and Washington, resulting in violent attacks and explosions at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and rural Pennsylvania, have shocked the Nation and the world. I want to express my deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those involved in this horror of horrors. I hope that all Americans upset by this tragedy have and will find solace in churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, or any place where peaceful, well-congratuated, widespread and sincere, they can share their shock and sadness.

This weekend, I call for Americans to worship in unity together, praying for the well of our Founding Fathers.

At a time like this, individuals who think in terms of 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. 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 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, watchful guard of security, whether it be our Armed Forces, our law enforcement agencies, our 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 yesterday. She explained that her friends lost both of her parents who went travelling on the plane that was crashed into the first World Trade Center tower. Another of her friends lost both of her parents who went to work in the World Trade Center yesterday morning, but will never return home. Despite their grief, the children of all colors, creeds and nations of the world look upon this House, let me join my colleagues in extending our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those involved in this horror of horrors.

As the people of this country and the nations of the world look upon this House, let me join my colleagues in stating unequivocally that this Nation is one of one mind and one voice in this time of tragedy. I will support the President and will work to ensure that all individuals are devoted to finding and holding accountable those individuals responsible for this blow to world citizenship.

Might I also say that we must act now. How will we act? Congress will act to provide the resources to stamp out terrorism. We will, however, adhere to the rule of law. I will ask for an immediate assessment of the security structure at our Canadian border. Finally, we should move to convene a special session of Congress to foster and foster agencies to ensure that the children who have lost their parents will be taken care of.

Finally, we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, but we will fear no evil. God Bless America and the American people.

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The nations of the world should understand both our determination to find the patrons of these heinous acts, and our collective faith that we will pursue this with the integrity and conviction that the gravity of the situation—and that the principles and Constitution that have shaped this great Nation—require.

In pursuing the criminals and their conspirators who carried out this attack on our nation, we will not, however, proceed with disregard of either international or U.S. Law. It is centrally important that this nation proceed hand in hand with the rule of law. The world must know that these are not the acts of a vengeful nation. Instead, we must act with the conviction that the laws created under our Constitution allow.

We are determined to proceed not with reckless abandon, mistrust, and xenophobia, but with the understanding that these acts must be met with 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 security and safety, the freedom and democratic 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 our collective diversity and richness.

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Finally, we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, but we will fear no evil. God Bless America and the American people.
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 swift action with which the firefighters 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 if we have seen instances in our own districts, dozens of times, time and time again, of the valiant work of the firefighter and the police-man 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 even to be fulfilled and are still fulfilling the three charges that are made to the American people and to the American government: one, take care of our wounded, our casualties; number two, to prepare for re-forming of our damage that was done by these terrorists; and number three, as everyone agrees, to bring the culprits to justice.

America has its priorities already set, and they were placed in order by the valiant work of the firefighters and those who went to the aid of others.

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

(Mr. McDermott asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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

Mr. Speaker, 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, America 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 natural human response is—first de-nial—then apathy—and then rage.

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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, 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 America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Lampson).
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 their families. Their unimaginable suffering must be forever be remembered and 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 perseverence. We resolve that their loss will never be forgotten and be with this country where we share their deep grief.

I commend the many acts of heroism performed by civilians, police, firefighters, and countless 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 that freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

America stands today bruised and bloodied, but she stands nonetheless. 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. Speaker, I am delighted to 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 yield this time.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 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 adversary.

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 marked the shining symbol of freedom throughout the world.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield today with a heavy heart and a deep resolve. I rise in support of this Resolution.
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 day; and this Congress, the same body that we serve in today, declared war on the Barbary pirates and the implications of them. I believe that that is what we should do, whether by direct deeds or by other actions; and if it is a war that we are committed to and that we will win.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. LUTHER).

(Mr. JENKINS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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 of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, throughout our 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 itself. 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 purpose.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. LUTHER).

(Mr. LUTHER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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, families, and loved ones.

Unfortunately, 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, yesterday as a Nation, let us recognize the victims and the survivors, the response teams and all of the heroes for their incredible contributions 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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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.

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

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 tears 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 to shake these images across our thoughts; 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 will reach 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 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.

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that have made September 11 another day that will “live in infamy.”

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 Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.

(Mr. BARTON of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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?”

I was not alive on December 7, 1941, but for those who were, it was one of those “Where were you on December 7, 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.

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 drove them into 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 more 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 if we are 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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 first pictures 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 of those who have lost their 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. It fills us with anger. It also poses a special responsibility. We must not let this disaster break our spirit or our resolve. We must take definitive steps against the persons who caused this horrendous tragedy and against any Nation that shelters agents of terror.

Unlike acts of nature, our goal must be a singular one: that we not let it ever happen again.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to my good friend, the gentleman from Montana (Mr. REHBERG), a member of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Transportation, and frankly, the entire delegation of Montana.

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this sense of Congress resolution. To me, this is simple: Yesterday’s attack against America was not just a criminal act, it was an act of war.

It is important to understand that these terrorists were specially trained soldiers and hit men in an army intent on destroying America and our way of life. They were willing to take their own lives in order to accomplish their military objectives.

That is why America must not treat yesterday’s tragedy as a criminal case, or simply seek justice. Rather, we must take it for what it is: an act of war that demands a swift, thorough, and decisive response from the United States Armed Forces. In short, we must strike back at those responsible.

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The time for talk is over.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my good friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA).

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution, and to condemn the barbaric, cowardly attack on the people and the soil of the United States. This is an act of war. We will not tolerate these terrible acts. We as a Nation will pull together and pick up the pieces and build our strength.

We all need to rally as a country right now, and our strength will come from our courage and our belief in our faith. America stands united. We believe in the liberty of our country, the justice of our democratic institutions. Let freedom ring. The Liberty Bell should shine with our resolve. In all of our towns where people are gathering to memorialize the materials and to give blood, chapels and churches should ring the bell for freedom.

We are all filled with condolence for all of the victims. America will not give up on its dreams and hopes and freedoms.

I ask that we take time in our daily lives to observe 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 unified 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 proud of the 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 beaches, 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 terrible 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 5 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, silence that said something to me. It was a sickening feeling of sorrow and dishonor at the horror that was man-made.

As I watched those pictures of mass destruction. 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
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCHROCK), a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. SCHROCK. Mr. Speaker, never could I have imagined when I left Vietnam 34 years ago yesterday that the freedoms we fought for in that conflict would be challenged in such a heinous, hateful, cowardly, and despicable manner as we witnessed yesterday. I never dreamed that I would see the result of terrorism with my own eyes, but yesterday that nightmare became reality. Mr. Speaker, I stand to not only support this resolution but to offer my heartfelt sympathy to the victims and their families. We may never know the full effect of this horrific event on the thousands of families impacted, but the impact will live in our hearts forever. However, we must go forward with America, her business, her enterprise, her love of freedom and justice, her destiny to be the beacon of democracy in our world. Yesterday’s events will never be forgotten, but they will not deter us.

We have heard the word faith used many times today. Mr. Speaker, behind me you are the words “In God We Trust.” As the psalmist has written, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore I will not fear.”

Mr. Speaker, I have full confidence that our President will hold accountable those who were responsible and ensure they 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 chill of yesterday with the silence of death cast 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 not seek senseless revenge, but we will insist on justice. And justice will be decisive, swift, compelling, horrible, and justified. Woe beto those that call evil good. Woe be to the terrorists who claim some sort of victory today. Woe be to the murderers who celebrate the killing of innocent people. You will soon be dancing to a very different tune.

You terrorists will find no hysteria here. You will find no fear. We are in no way tired. In fact, we speak with a united voice and stand behind our President who said that those who took part in this horrible act and those who harbor these criminals will be held accountable.

Today, as we seek solace from the icy python of yesterday, do not seek God in the churches, temples, or mosques of this country; do not seek justice in the halls of Congress or in our courtrooms. For God is in the streets and homes of America. Justice is in the wings of the world theater, preparing to be released in a focused fury.

Harriet Tubman, once complimented on her humanitarian efforts, responded, “Twasn’t me. Twas the Lord. I always told him, I trust to you. I don’t know where you’re going to take me, but I expect you to lead me,’ and he always did.”

We can expect that same leadership today. Thank God we live in America. May he bless this country and our efforts.

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. I rise in the strongest possible support of this resolution and to condemn 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.

I will support the President in taking the strongest possible action against the cruel and cowardly terrorists who are responsible for yesterday’s tragedies, as well as any country which offers safe harbor to these inhuman murderers.

Most importantly, right now, Mr. Speaker, our sympathy should go out to 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 country that allow such incomprehensible events to take 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 chairman of the House Subcommittee on Aviation to improve and improve to improve 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 screens on the men and women who are the security screeners in the airport country. We will 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. JOYCE).

(Mr. JOHN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 conspiracy of evil and it took out heads are high as Americans. America is a great nation, and our freedom will ring loudly out of our hearts. We are a great nation, and our freedom will ring loudly forever. May God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Ms. BROWN).

(Ms. BROWN of Florida asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN. 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 cowards, a 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 submissively stand by while our 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 and that we need to put U.S.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from 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 our countrymen who watched the horrific death and destruction visited upon 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 of 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 jacked the price up yesterday to $5 and $4 and $5 and took advantage of Americans who suffer with all 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 and retail 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 you 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. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), a Member of the Wisconsin constituents I am honored by the Members of the Chamber 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 in these very Chambers 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 television images 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 ungodly 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 bring the perpetrators 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 as a democracy that will answer the question that they are not. 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 believe we have more deeply moved to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. BALDWIN).

(Mr. NETHERCUTT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 progress of world history, that the character of life 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 inauspicious moment in the history of the United States of America.

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 manifest their destruction, 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 love for those who suffer with all of us in this crisis.

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 this nation averts future acts of terrorism.

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 work 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 policies, the government's current resources, and our military capabilities must be bolstered to meet our national 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.
This resolution expresses clearly the sentiment not only of this Congress, but the sentiment of the American people. 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 Members 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 that they are speaking, not as Republican or Democrats, liberals of conservatives. Easterner 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 one more 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 attacks on the United States as an attack on NATO.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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 awaken 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 Tennessee (Mr. BRYANT), a member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address this honorable body. Words fail to fully express our grief and I find myself wondering what I can possibly say to describe our resolve as we respond to this act of barbary and violence against the free and innocent.

Throughout our Nation’s history, we along with the world watch and witness the selflessness and courage of Americans who are willing to take on the hijackers. 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 unremitting 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 terrorizing enemies.

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 innocent lives have been in vain; and that from their loss, we will once again have successfully defended freedom and justice, not only for our Nation but for the world.

Mr. Speaker, we have witnessed an act of war, and we must now respond accordingly.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS), my good friend and colleague.

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 would like to express my 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 indelible 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 and prayers go out to those workers who responded to these tragic events, and their families, commends the heroic acts of all our citizens 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.

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, indivisible, 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 body 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 were the pathetic acts of insane minds, illegitimate by any standard.

Those responsible for this attack, especially those aides and abettors, will feel the full power of the United States and her citizens. I join with the 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 also recognize those in the airplanes, some known, such as Tom Burnett and others, some forever unknown, who tried to prevent yesterday’s heinous crimes and mitigated those crimes and became heroes in doing such, as well as recognizing
the hundreds and hundreds of heroes now working to save lives both in New York and here at the Pentagon.

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 state that the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) said a few speakers 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 Vermont (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 noble terms that mandate 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 modern history of our country. But 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 evil. We must all 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 all over 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 blood, how they are raising funds and how they are doing everything that they can to support the victims and their families. Let us go together as a people to 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 the day and 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 the day, the week, the 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 are ready 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 require to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON).

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time 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 a person of every ethnicity background. Beyond the death and destruction, we are also 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 challenge.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to reflect on the following five points.

1. The date, September 11, or 9-11, a day that the 911 system was perhaps used more in the aggregate than at any time since its inception; September 11, or 9-1-1, summons the brave, the selfless, the life preservers, if they could they would, I have heard it said that perhaps airport security will include curbside check.
in really enhance our well-being? 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, for 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. Mr. Speaker, I mention, 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 must not 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 gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) for yielding me time.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight overwhelmed by indescribable grief and sorrow. A taking of any innocent life is an atrocity, and the slaying of hundreds in a massacre of monumental proportions. Yesterday, a massacre of unbelievable numbers occurred. The World Trade Center and the Pentagon were deliberating targets of fanatics. These terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners. They slammed three of these planes into these buildings, knowing all the while 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 then cannot hide. And they will pay.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), a member of the Committee on Agriculture as well as the Committee on International Relations.

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, these words cannot describe the events of yesterday. I spoke to the 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 on fire. I knew then that life in the United States had been drastically altered.

Sandy Bradshaw, 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 to work again. Their lights were snuffed out yesterday. These losses will not have been in vain, however. 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 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 (Mrs. MINK).

Mrs. MINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the United States House of Representatives to pay heartfelt tribute to the brave men and women who did their jobs yesterday as well. Neither the Pentagon nor the World Trade Center were safe from terrorist attacks, 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 citizenry’s 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 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 the same as 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. Everyone should be clear about our differences, and focus together on the critical issues that need to be resolved in the world today. Our prayers are with you—Andrei and all your other brothers and sisters in Russia.

From Ukraine’s Roman Catholic Vicar General, Bishop Stanislaw Szyrokoradiuk:
DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN KAPTUR: I would like to present You and through You—to all American people—our condolences because of the terrible tragedy that has stricken 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 can express 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 might that they may outlive this horrible disaster.

In all our churches there are Divine Services and prayers said for the souls of the departed victims and for all those who have suffered.

These days our hearts and our prayers are with your people.

Sincerely yours,
BISHOP STANISLAW SYROKORADIUK,
The Roman Catholic Vicar General of Ukraine.

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 nobody of your relatives/friends will be amongst the victims.

Warm regards,
ROON & 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 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 bilion men of war. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States. When in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on 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 spring, 90 Americans were displaced by tornadoes. Nobody helped. The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. No American country was writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I’d like to see just one of those countries that is gloating 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 on other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, 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 hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they 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 raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name 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 am one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this as we do out of every natural catastrophe, with a time when we can see who we are. Help us and secure the world community from the fire of terror and violence! Lead us in learning what could ever be assisted by such immoral acts.

HUSSEN H. SHOUSHER.

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 have formulated a logical solution to help prevent future catastrophes involving hijackings. An internet video surveillance system.

The equipment to record movement and 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 too late. We could 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. POTRIER. 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 fight to your people.

Please lead for us in a new way. Find the power in collaboration. Power to create amazing solutions by bringing your differences together and relinquishing outcomes based on self-interest. Listen to each other and learn what the listening will teach. Let debate and fear-based grasping for power cease. Discover how to be powerful in coming together in dialogue and collaboration. Your singing on the steps of a sacred place, American government, could be more than a substance and potential in it than patriotism stoked by attack. Lead us in learning what this tragedy can teach. Is it possible to defend us and secure the world community without adding to the fire of terror and violence? Just asking ourselves the question and hearing what comes forth might yield vital new methods to add to the old. This is a time when we can see who we are. Help us reflect the best of ourselves back to each other. The American people are responding to each other with such full hearts. A new world order may be able to emerge as we look at what generates order in the middle of chaos. We are watching it as we look at our television.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

NANCY HARSHMAN.
The outpouring of good will over evil is evident in every act, every letter, every call, every encounter. America will surmount this new test of her will and her freedom.

God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD), who has waited for hours to get to the floor to speak, a Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. Yesterday’s treacherous acts of demented minds led to families shattered, dreams crushed, lives lost, unwritten futures tragically ended. Immediately though came America’s re-action. Rescuers charged into doomed buildings, police braved falling debris to aid the wounded. Evil attacked yesterday; America withstood the assault.

Those shocking images of smoke and dust came down to this: a father gone; a wife, a sister, gone. As sure as the dust came down to this: a father gone; a wife, a sister, gone. As sure as the dust came down to this: a father gone; a wife, a sister, gone. As sure as the future lies ahead: a father gone; a wife, a sister, gone. As sure as the dust came down to this: a father gone; a wife, a sister, gone. As sure as the dust came down to this: a father gone; a wife, a sister, gone.

Let that enemy know that this nation of many peoples is often at odds, but under pressure is united. A blow against one is a blow against all. Let the enemy know, America will respond.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2½ minutes to my good friend and valued colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS).

(Mr. ANDREWS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, generations of American school children will read and study about September 11, 2001. In their history, they will see that Americans across our land are manifesting the spirit of their chosen God in millions of acts of compassion and mercy. In their history, they will hear of the heroic efforts of firefighters, EMTs and EMS personnel, police officers and medical personnel. They will read this history, but, in the next few days, that history.

Let that history show that we came together, we found the organizations that were responsible for the acts of terror against our people and our country yesterday, and we found any nations who participated or permitted that terror, and we acted swiftly and destroyed those organizations and destroyed the war-making capability of those nations.

Let that history show that this was the day when America said that no longer any good in the world to play both sides of the fence when it comes to terrorism; that it was the day we said to the so-called moderate states around the world that they cannot have it both ways when it comes to terrorism. They cannot condemn terrorism with their words, but support terrorism with their prosperity, their currency and their diplomacy.

Let us join together and write a history that says to those countries who are ambiguous about their support for us, that there will be no more aid, there will be no more trade, and there will be no more arms from the American people.

Mr. Speaker, let us unify tonight, so that when our descendants read this history, they read this history in an America that is more strong, more free, and more safe than the one we are privileged and blessed to live in tonight.

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

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution to condemn these terrorists. Our hearts are broken for the loss of life. We must condemn this act. We must, we have to treat our wounded. We pray for the mortal souls of the victims, for peace and grace of the family members, and we will mourn, and we will bury our dead.

Then what?

These attacks have likely cost more American lives than we lost at Pearl Harbor, and in a far more cowardly manner.

War has been declared on America. Now what?

Do we capitulate and wait for the next terrorist attack? Do we wait for another attack on our freedom and American lives? Do we really think we can deter these barbaric acts or really prevent them? Is preventing 9 out of 10 terrorist attacks going to be enough, or, for that matter, even deter the terrorist organizations be able to say, we did not have anything to do with it; it was them. That will not work anymore. From now on, as far as this Member of Congress is concerned, governments are either willing to be with us in this fight, in this war against terrorism, wherever it exists in the world, or they are co-conspirators in it.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. 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 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 our primary source of strength and power before, during, and after a crisis like this one. Above all, let us pray at this time for the endurance of survivors and rescue workers in New York and at the Pentagon so that they may be able to get through this and return to their loved ones. Let us pray for the President and all of those who offer him council and advice.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud beyond words of the spirit of this Nation. The Red Cross is overwhelmed with volunteers wanting to give blood. We are proud of the orderly way in which this Nation handled a day of attack and uncertainty.

We all take comfort that there are still those who will give up their time and effort to those in need; and we saw that demonstrated yesterday, and we continue to see that even now.
Earlier this year, I had an opportunity to visit Pearl Harbor and to visit the place where the U.S.S. Arizona was attacked on December 7, 1941. Along with the other Members of Congress who were there with me that day, we saw that after just a few months, America would see even more loss of human life than that terrible day in 1941. My generation has actually seen very little of war. However, after yesterday, my generation knows what it is for these United States to be under attack.

The legislation before us tonight clearly expresses how this House feels about these attacks. Furthermore, we must use our resources to make sure that as much as humanly possible, that what happened on September 11, 2001, does not happen again.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. KENNEDY), my dear friend and distinguished colleague.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California, and I salute him for his leadership on this issue, as I do my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. I rise in support of this resolution and I thank our congressional leaders for bringing it to the floor today.

The images that we have witnessed on television over the past 2 days defy comprehension. As we struggle to come to grips with the devastation we have seen, we must come together in support of those who have experienced this national tragedy on a personal level.

Those who have lost their loved ones have my and all of our deepest sympathies. American life as we know it was tragically changed yesterday; and yet we will not find the cowardly perpetrators of this violence if we do not take the necessary steps to make sure of it.

America is not a Nation that flinches when struck, that backs down when threatened, that blinks in the face of evil. As my uncle, President Kennedy, once said, “We stand tall. We do. But we also think of the office worker I saw on television sometime yesterday on some highway in front of the gas station American flags carefully along the American flags, yesterday afternoon placing small crosses there, there were firefighters who lost their lives, even as they fought to save the lives of others.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, our Nation did see evil yesterday; but we also saw something else. In the proud display of our flag throughout this land, we saw patriotism. In the outpouring of support we saw at local blood banks, we saw compassion; and in the heroic actions and thoughts of rescue workers, we saw courage and sacrifice. In these noble actions around this country, some big and some small, we saw our Nation’s character.

Now we call on this character, both to help our fellow Americans and to track down the perpetrators of these unspoken crimes. We must find those responsible; and when we do, they must suffer the consequences of their actions. We must always remember that though America may be attacked by terrorists, America will not be defeated. This attack may shock us, but it also unites and strengthens us.

Today, our Nation stands tall, as it will continue to stand in the days and years to come, graced by God and as a beacon for freedom and justice for the entire world.

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

Before yielding to the gentleman from Illinois, I want to share with all of my colleagues a statement issued by our allies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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The Council agreed that if it is determined that this attack was directed from abroad against the United States, it shall be regarded as an action covered by Article 5 of the Washington Treaty, which states that an armed attack against one or more of the Allies in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all.

The commitment to collective self-defense embodied in the Washington Treaty was first entered into in circumstances very different from those that exist now, but it remains no less valid and no less essential today, in a world subject to the scourge of international terrorism. When the Heads of State and government of NATO met in Washington in 1999, they paid tribute to the success of the Alliance in ensuring the freedom of its members during the Cold War and in making possible a Europe that was whole and free. But they also recognized the existence of a wide variety of risks to security, some of them quite unlike those that had called NATO into existence. More specifically, they condemned terrorism as a serious threat to peace and stability and reaffirmed their determination to combat it in accordance with their international commitments to one another, their international commitments, national legislation.

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Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PHELPS), my friend and colleague.

(Mr. PHELPS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I have great respect for the gentleman and his leadership on this question.

I rise in support of this resolution against these terrorist acts. No words can ably express my feelings about yesterday’s cowardly, barbaric assault against our country, our innocent citizens, and our open, democratic way of life.

I experienced every emotion possible: anger, disgust, sorrow, fear, and even helplessness. But now, I am determined and anxious and stand ready to act. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims and particularly members of those whose lives were lost in these horrible terrorist acts.

I, like all citizens, am outraged and sickened by this unpunished attack and will stand with the President to find and punish those responsible. I support swift punishment for these reprehensible acts of violence.

Mr. Speaker, we must not let these attacks on our country weaken our resolve to maintain a free and open society that all countries can emulate. We must now show the world that our country will continue to stand strong in the face of tragedy. We must show the cowards responsible that they will not win. If we place our faith in God, pray for wisdom, and pray that God be our pilot, we will succeed and be victorious.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), who is a member of the Committee on Transportation, as well as the Committee on Financial Services.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 61. Today is a heavy, filled with sorrow and outrage. Today, there are children who will be unable to hug their parents again, and there are parents who will never hear the voice of their children exclaim, Hi, Mom; Hi, Dad. So today, I join with my fellow West Virginians and my colleagues to offer our tears, our support, and our prayers.

The events of yesterday bring our perspective into sharp focus, reshaping and strengthening our notions of freedom, democracy, and peace. An attack that claimed the lives of our loved ones and attempts to destroy our national resolve hurts America.

But make no mistake, we will rise to fight this horrible offense. The heart and the soul of the American people cannot be destroyed by cowardly, faceless acts. Never, never will we be defeated. The United States has been violated as a Nation, but we are united. We will pick ourselves up and face the challenges of the coming days, weeks, and months.

West Virginians and others around the country are outraged and sickened by yesterday’s attack, but I ask my constituents, my colleagues, and my fellow Americans not to let the outrage outweigh our compassion and cooperation. The heroic efforts of so many Americans are inspiring and heartwarming.

Now is the time for us to unite and follow our Nation’s leaders with full faith. I know that the United States is the greatest country in the world, and I feel blessed to enjoy the freedoms that we share. God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE).

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the attacks by terrorists yesterday against the United States shocked this Nation, but let it be known to those responsible that we will track them down and punish them. This Nation will respond and this Congress will stand united with our President to ensure those responsible are held accountable for their actions. Any nation that supports or harbors these terrorists should be retaliated against by the United States to the full extent of our military capabilities.

Mr. Speaker, today, as heroic men and women in New York and Washington continue to search for victims, we pray for the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones and those who still wait to receive word on the missing.

Yesterday, after witnessing the horrors at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, citizens of this great Nation demonstrated their courage and their willingness to help their neighbors in need.

In my home State of New Jersey and in my district, thousands of residents came forward and contributed blood for the victims of the World Trade Center. So many of my constituents answered the call and that many had to wait in line for several hours before they were able to assist.

Owners of ferry boats in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey transported displaced workers trapped on the tip of Manhattan to a safer spot in New Jersey. Emergency personnel, doctors, and nurses from New Jersey have worked around the clock to assist the courageous firefighters and police officers in New York.

The reaction to this tragedy by the American people is proof of how strong this Nation is. The government, including this Congress, continues to operate. We will likely bring up legislation tomorrow to allocate Federal aid for the rescue efforts in New York and Washington.

Mr. Speaker, terrorism does not work against the United States. It will only strengthen our will to stamp out this new evil.

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

Mr. CAMP. I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my colleagues in Congress and all Americans to express support for this resolution. Today, although my heart is weighed down by the tragedies affecting our Nation, I stand in appreciation of the strength and resilience shown by Americans here and abroad.

There have been countless examples of heroism in the face of unbelievable tragedy. Hundreds of rescue workers continue to work and look for survivors. Thousands have lined up to give blood, and all across the country, citizens are offering sincere prayers. Their faith in America proves that this country will prevail in the face of tribulation. My prayers are with the victims and their families.

This resolution further confirms and makes clear that rescue efforts and investigators are receiving and will continue to receive the full resources of the Federal Government.

The cowards who helped perpetrate this act will not get away. They and those who offer them assistance and haven will be punished. Terrorism against America will not be tolerated. America embodies will survive and cannot be destroyed by cowardly faceless acts.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA).

Mr. HONDA. 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 who have been injured or lost, those who seek bravely 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 State of California. Many families in our very 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 form 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 support of those who will not surrender. They are not defenseless. The very freedom 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 do not abandon. 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 under no circumstances, we 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 hatred 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.

Yesterday’s events forced us to confront as never before the barbarism and cowardice of terrorism. We grieve for the victims, our fellow Americans, and we pray for their peace. May we see our peace with this painful horror by offering solace 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 their daily business and routines that are American life. Lives have been lost. Life in America will never be the same. Yet, while we react and respond to the attack, we must not succumb to the terror. It is the weapon of an uncivilized, spiritually bankrupt enemy who dares not confront us openly. Our freedom can be taken with terrible force.

In the face of utter irrationality, rational people feel defenseless, but we are not defenseless. The very freedom that made us vulnerable yesterday remains our impenetrable bulwark against the massacre of innocents that is terror. It is the freedom they target, our freedom they envy.

Mr. Speaker, many have likened yesterday’s attacks to the surprise attack made upon Pearl Harbor in 1941. When I saw the many acts of bravery and 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.

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We are not a Nation defined by tall buildings, a strong dollar, or a powerful military; we are a Nation of free people who will not surrender. After consoling the survivors and healing the wounded, our task as a free people is to support the many men and women trying to prosecute the war against terrorism.

All those sworn to protect our nation’s security and our public safety, from the President to the paramedic, need our support and our prayers. We are free to mourn, we are free to rebuild. Our freedom is our strength, and we will endure. Terrorists are slaves to an evil, their fathers will be caught. They will be punished.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL).

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

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution. Our American family has faced an assault on its way of life. Our freedom has been under attack. We have still to come to terms with the vision of our own brothers and sisters, our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, being victimized by despicable acts perpetrated by the evil and the cowardly.

What happened yesterday was an unappeasable act of war on the very foundation of what makes us American. It was a craven assault on thousands of innocent people who are enjoying the freedom we hold so dear and the perpetrators so despicable. It was a day of incomprehensible terror and grief, conceived and carried out by the worst of mankind.

Indeed, our American family has witnessed evil at times throughout its history. From the world wars to the Holocaust to the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, our country has always responded with action that exemplifies the very best of what we stand for.

And it continues. Yesterday, with the daring of our rescue workers, with the complete compassion of strangers standing in lines 800 deep to give their own blood, the government wholly unified as one voice behind a Commander in Chief. We have shown the world that it is impossible to break our will in America. Our country will move on, our mission will succeed. We will march forward with all conviction to fight for our freedom.

Mr. Speaker, make no mistake, make no mistake about how resolved we are. We are resolute in our stance that those hateful warmongers who perpetrated these atrocities will be hunted as predators, the very predators that they are. They will be punished. In a way that is unmistakable in the defense of our country and all we hold dear.

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

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to my colleague from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), to respond.

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Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LANTOS), a senior member of the Committee on International Relations and former chairman of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and now on the Committee on Financial Services.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing more difficult than to provide perspective to events of this week, but it would be self-evident that two of the profoundest lessons are that all societies, particularly democracies, are vulnerable to terrorism and that there is a growing breach between elements of the Islamic world and Judeo-Christian values.

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 harbors, 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 United States 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 distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT).

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in support of the resolution.

Yesterday’s freedom’s bell rang for tens of thousands of civilian and military personnel as it has for over 200 years. As 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 declare 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 consume to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. CUBIN).

(Mrs. CUBIN asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

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 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 is 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. SHADEGG), a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. SHADEGG. 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.

Yesterday, America sustained a cowardly attack. Our foes came in unmarked planes and attacked civilian targets. They stood forward to defend themselves and their possessions. That was the attack on the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield to two of my colleagues who joined us for their reflections on that site and on these events.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA).

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

The trip we took down to the Pentagon late this afternoon put the horrors of yesterday into context. We were taking a look at the side of the Pentagon, the part that was virtually destroyed, and recognizing that we will only seeing a partial piece of the devastation that had happened with the crash. We were able to thank the individuals who, for the last 36 hours, have been on-site in a search and recovery mode, trying to do everything they can to identify and find the survivors and answer the questions.

On behalf of a grateful America, we were able to express our appreciation to those workers in person and also to the people working in New York.

Also, our thanks go out to the grateful people who entered into prayer last night for the victims, the families and for the workers that have done such heroic things.

Mr. Speaker, all across America last night, people came together in prayer. They prayed for the victims of yesterday’s tragedies and they prayed for the loved ones of those who lost their lives.

As a country, we prayed for understanding, and we prayed that our children would never again have to witness such senseless violence.

As we attempt to come to grips with the scope of what happened yesterday, I am reminded of our great nation’s motto: “In God We Trust.”

Today, as a nation, we need to reaffirm our belief in this motto, because now, more than ever, we as a nation need to put our trust in God.

My heart goes out to the victims and families and friends of those killed and injured in yesterday’s attacks. We need to keep them at the forefront of our thoughts and prayers. We also need to keep in our prayers the thousands of firefighters, police, rescue personnel, doctors and others who are tirelessly working to rescue the victims of these barbaric attacks.

To those who would dare threaten the United States, or the freedom that she represents, I can tell you that the resolve of our great people and this great nation remain strong. Through our faith in God, we will not easily be bowed.

May this be a season of prayer, as we attempt to understand the tragic events of yesterday, and as we commemorate our national response.

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, I would simply say it was impossible to stand there and not be stricken with grief and embroiled in rage.

To the families and friends of the victims and their families, we are with you.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, we were brought home when we went to the site.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wyoming (Mrs. CUBIN).

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 staff.

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 interstate and smell the smoke in 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 may destroy brick and mortar and even take our sovereignty; and that we will have to witness such senseless violence.

As we so vividly discovered our vulnerability to the acts of zealots and to talk about how in their offices now they have the names and how they are targeting where they are going to go 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.

We wanted to personally thank, in our small way, those Americans who are dedicated and make it clear to anybody around the world that this is a Nation that is very passionate and cares 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 get 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.

Mr. Speaker, 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. 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 you understand it. But we must protect these accommodations and in a manner that is wholly 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 human prejudice as the investigation of these attacks unfolds. In the wake of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 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 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 Virginia (Mr. MORAN), my friend and distinguished fellow Virginian.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. 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 men and women of our nation 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.

Mr. Speaker, 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 pick up and stand up and move ahead on this day makes me proud once again to be an American.

Mr. LANTOS. 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 has suffered from yesterday’s tragic events. Last year 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.

America is coming together and focusing on bringing the full weight of our Nation into recovery effort. We will find our missing, bury our dead, heal our wounded and rebuild. The light of freedom has not been extinguished. As the book of Isaiah says, “Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning will end.”

Mr. Speaker, that brings me to other thoughts I have been having since this tragedy unfolded. From this day forward, the word needs to go out from this country that no matter what dark place the enemies of America wish to hide in, our law enforcement and military will find them.

I strongly support President Bush and his position that countries providing safe havens to known terrorists be treated no differently than the terrorists themselves. We have the ability to deliver destruction of biblical proportions. Those who carry out these horrible acts need to be punished, either through our court system or through the reach of our military.

To the people of America, I ask you to continue to keep the victims of this attack in your prayers and pray for the safety of those engaged in our rescue efforts.

This cowardly attack was condemned throughout the world but was cheered in the streets of Iraq, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank. It is truly a sick society that teaches its children such hate. For them to cheer at this terrible loss of innocent life is something I will make a point of remembering.

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. 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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Our friends, our neighbors, have all been affected, as I think has the whole country. But yesterday’s act was an attack on our country, the United States, not necessarily a particular country or a nation, but a network of terrorists harbored and enabled in some cases by other nations who are lurking in the shadows, afraid of identifying themselves, even in some cases denying their deeds while prancing about in these acts.

The perpetrators of these vicious acts and their abettors are not wholly identified as yet, but their act of war was
Mr. Speaker, yesterday is not going to go away. The attempt to rock the sea 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 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.

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we know who conceived and executed 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 America: 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 is over. 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 gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Mr. Pritz), 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 signs 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, and that 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, for everything there is a season and a time for every activity under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to embrace and a time to refrain; a time to be silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

After the atrocities of yesterday, we, the American people, asked the question: What time is it? This is a time for prayer. This is a time to mourn the loss of life. This is a time to weep, because crying eases the pain. This is a time to appreciate and honor those countless, nameless men and women, firefighters, rescue workers, volunteers, and others who have risked and lost their lives trying to help their fellow Americans.

This is time to embrace one another and to express our feelings of love. This is a time to mend broken hearts of the people of our Nation who have experienced the loss of a family member. This is a time to speak of the strength of our Nation and to let the world know that we resolve that to never allow any terrorists to think for one moment that they can, by their conduct, permanently disrupt our democracy.

This is a time to ferret out the persons who have committed these acts of terrorism and to hold them accountable. This is a time to emerge from this stronger, wiser and more compassionate. In time we will find our way. In time we will again laugh, share good times, and take pleasure in our family, friends and favorite pursuits.

Mr. Speaker, in times like this, I call upon my faith and say, “Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.”

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Kingston), a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. KINGSTON. 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 buildings, a financial center, a military center, and the government center, 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, 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.

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 of America will get back on our airplanes. We will return to our workplaces. And we will resume our lives, in a United States of a free and open 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, our 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 not to alienate our fellow citizens.

I also urge my fellow Americans not to allow these unprovoked 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, 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 unite our Nation to achieving swift and appropriate justice for the terrorists responsible for this 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. And, today, from the ashes of this horrific act, we as Americans reaffirm our highest beliefs in freedom, democracy and justice.

On behalf of the people of Minnesota’s Fourth District, our hearts and prayers are with the victims of this terrible crime.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Putnam), a member of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, America changed forever yesterday. Our innocence lost, we have had the horrors of faraway capitals delivered to our own. Our freedom at stake, we have resolved to fight back at all forms of terror and tyranny. We have seen Americans rally
behind the blood drives to aid the wounded, shopkeepers who opened up their wares to weary, shell-shocked fellow citizens, refused payment and bid only “God bless you.”

I was with the President yesterday in Florida. Initial attack occurred, and aboard Air Force One throughout much of the day as the breadth of the horror unfolded. The President was calm, deliberate, and thoughtful as he received wave after wave of bad news and analysis. He immediately sent to his national security team and settled into his Commander in Chief responsibilities. He rightly made the decision to go to a secure location to manage the crisis as it developed. I am sure all Americans are grateful, as I am, that the threats against the White House and Air Force One were not carried out.

Mr. Speaker, the fabric of American life was frayed but not torn yesterday. It was soiled with the blood of innocent Americans. But our American way will not be diminished, and America will not be tarnished by these agents of evil. May America endure and prosper forever.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my valued colleague, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LUCAS).

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise to add my voice to the outrage I am sure every American feels today. My colleague and those of my fellow Kentuckians go out to the families who have lost loved ones as a result of yesterday’s tragic events. The victims of these cowardly attacks were innocent Americans of every color and creed. Heartbreak is the only word that can adequately describe what I felt as I witnessed one of the most despicable crimes in our history.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt described December 7, 1941, as a date which will live in infamy. He described that day as a day which would etch into our history, a day that would result in a war for freedom. He said, “I asked for nothing more than to serve the people of the nation I loved. The nation revealed its love for me. It was a day which will live in infamy.”

My congressional district in Sarasota, Florida, was 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. PUTNAM) and I were there to welcome him to our 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 security threat to the President and 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.
Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. Ross).

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, like all Americans, I was stunned, angered, and saddened yesterday's unprecedented and unconscionable terrorist attacks in New York and here in our Nation's capital.

Today is a time for all Americans to come together and pray for our country, for all who have suffered this horrific tragedy and their families, and for all those working around the clock to assist in the rescue and recovery efforts that will get our Nation moving again.

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 the perpetrators, but also those who harbor and support such evil and inhuman 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 dissipate not into another day. 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 93rd 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 doubt about this. 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 for the 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.

God bless 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 is defined by great peoples. We saw this greatness yesterday in the heroism of firefighters and police and volunteers who tried to help. We saw it in the victims on planes who, while facing certain death, called ground forces with information 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 or hatred 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 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 and his co-pilot, Captain Alex Vazquez and First Officer John Filicetti, were faced with a terrible mission; we could not allow our fellow Americans to die. And so the aircraft descended, crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center, and eliminated, in a single instant, the lives and the safety of others. I am 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 pilot 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 yesterday 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 those images and spoken these prophetic words: “With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive and spoken these prophetic 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 cannot lose, will 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 our countrymen 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 terrible toll 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.

It is appropriate for us to contemplate how we respond to this heinous act.

The terrorists and the states that harbor them do not hate any of us as individuals. They hate Americans; 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 foundations of this 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 the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN).

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

I rise this evening to join my colleagues in support of this important resolution condemning the vicious, unprompted, and tragic attack against our country and our citizens.

Yesterday is a day that we will never forget, a day which began like any other, but one in which our lives were changed forever as we heard about the damage and destruction of our Nation’s symbols of freedom and strength and the so very many lives that are being lost. My heart, sympathy, and prayers, and those of all of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands, go out to the families and friends of those who lost their lives in yesterday’s attack and to those who were injured.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to those police, emergency medical personnel, firefighters, and the countless others who selflessly and quickly responded to save and protect lives and who continue their efforts today and will do so for as long as they are needed.

I fully support, and ask all Americans to support, our President in his determination to identify and find those who committed these acts and bring them to justice.

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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.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. Goss), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Intelligence.

(Mr. Goss asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks."

Mr. Goss. Mr. Speaker, we all know what an arduous and shocking day yesterday was. Mr. Speaker, we are experiencing direct and deep feelings of grief and loss for the families of the victims, so many victims there were. CeciCee Lyles of Fort 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 tears of her husband. Imagine the tears of those people, could think up and carry them people, could think up and carry.

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 and the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong, the strong. 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 atroc-

ities 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-

peakably 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 respon-

sible; and they will protect us, as they have done so well. We have the capa-

bility to render harmless those who have done this; and we have, I think, the resolve of the people in our land and the leadership of our land com-

mitted to this task.

There are so many Americans stepping forward in so many ways, doing wonderful things to provide relief, compassionately help and aid where it is needed, the kind word, the message of support, of all of these things. We have so many allies and friends, other nations around the world doing the same thing. We can have freedom, and we can have security. We will be debating those things as we go forward. We have a reminder of something that happened in Japan after Pearl Harbor which has been referred to. There were some who said, "We have awoken the sleeping giant. Perhaps we have done too much." To those who have done this, I say, indeed, we have woken up; you will be hearing from us.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. Goss), my valued colleague and friend.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, I thank my colleagues for bringing this resolution before us.

Mr. Speaker, we all know what has happened? I could not find the words to explain what has occurred. For on September 11, the agents of evil and hatred have declared war against our country, seeking to use fear as a weapon in a cowardly attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon near Washington, D.C. These attacks were, by far, the deadliest ever launched against the United States and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to divide us and weaken its resolve. But the cowardly perpetrators of these heinous crimes do not know Americans. They do not know Americans.

For freedom is not a vulnerability; it is our strength. Throughout our his-

tory we have met every challenge, and we will meet this one. Make no mis-
take: this was an act of war against the United States and all of our people, and we will not tolerate it. As we experi-

ence the tragedy, anger, and sadness, and we have all joined, the President and the Congress and the American people in outrage. As a member of the House Committee on Armed Services and a member of the Terrorism Panel, we will push for action to see that the cruel people who have committed this horrible crime and those who have sponsored them meet with justice expedi-

tiously.

With the fall of the Twin Towers and the devastation of the Pentagon, Amer-

icans have lost their innocence, but America will not be defeated. We do not know how many lives have been taken. We do not know how many tragic stories we will be hearing. But our hearts and our prayers go out to the many victims, to the loss of life, to the pain and the suffering that is immeas-

urable. The heroic and selfless actions of those workers, volunteers, State and local officials who responded to the tragic events with courage and deter-

mination will not be forgotten. Our prayers go with the victims and with everyone. God bless America.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the dis-

tinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Ehrler).

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Let us be those torch carriers. May God bless and comfort our Nation and all of our people.

Let us follow the path laid out by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, his hope, and let us all stand firm for our noble cause, let us be work-

ers for justice, and let us be torch carriers for liberty and freedom.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the dis-

tinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. Brady).

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the caring families and
Today we come together to reinforce America's resolve, to state our unqualified support for the President in this time of crisis.

We come here also for the very real purpose of trying to show those dearest and nearest the victims of yesterday's terrorist attack that their deep sense of loss is shared by a Nation.

Of loved ones suddenly taken, we hope that in some small way we can help further the sense of a life well fulfilled, a time on Earth well spent, and joyful days to come in a glorious place waiting eagerly for us; of loved ones yet to be found, we pray and hope.

Years from now, the vision of September 11, 2001, will mean something different to every eye that sees it. It is a dark day, and to paraphrase the poet, Alfred Tennyson, the heavens must surely have filled with shouting at the sheer evil that man plunged upon innocent men. Here on Earth we shouted as well.

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 will be 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 not only what it means to work 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 Nation.

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 experience on a daily basis. The shock and the wrench, the unspeakable hurt and the fear all but destroy the very fabric of civilization. Where is the return of good will that the United States so generously hands out? We, the United States of America, are the promoters 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 our nation.

Make no mistake, the perpetrators of this act of cowardice will be found. We are engaged in an undeclared 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 in 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 on our own principles of the management of our civil liberties is a victory for the perpetrators of yesterday's heinous crimes.

We must continually bear in mind the 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 asset, it is our greatest asset.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my good friend and distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts (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, to condemn in the strongest 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 are also reminded by 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 foundations of our society.

For many Americans, the memory of planes crashing into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon will be the defining images of a lifetime. No words can really 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. Willy-nilly, the American people by having our values and beliefs written into 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 eyes of all that we stand united on this issue, and this Congress will support the President as he undertakes action 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 those people to justice.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LA TOURETTE), who is chairman of the Subcommittee...
on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, and they oversee FEMA.

Mr. LA'TOURRETTE. 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 perished, 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 contemplate the inhumanity of people who would commit such evil acts. Our 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.

These 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 horrific 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 be determined, and living in fear will not be an option.

The immediate task before us is to secure the safety of our citizens, both here and abroad, against any future attacks; to care for those victims and their families; and to identify and rooting out terrorists groups that may be responsible.

Yesterday, our age of innocence ended, just as it ended 60 years ago at Pearl Harbor. But unlike Pearl Harbor, there is no obvious enemy. 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, one made more sinister by the stealth, cunning, and terror. 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. We must 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 the 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 well-versed in this area.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I yielded 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER). I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

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

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Mr. GARY G. MILLER, a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Financial Services.

Mr. GARY G. MILLER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. 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 have stockpiled 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 heroes 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 them that America may be vulnerable, but 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 fortitude, the wherewithal, 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 commanded this breach of tragedy. 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 un punished. 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. Give generously. 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. Let us stand united against terrorism and evil. We will do everything in our power to bring all the perpetrators of these cowardly acts of violence to justice and put in place mechanisms to protect our Nation from such acts in the future.

As I stand in support of this resolution, I stand with my fellow Americans for our precious freedom, and I implore us to stand together as one Nation. A true rainbow of diverse colors, cultures and religions, united against evil. United together, tomorrow is ours to win.

I also urge the American people to remember what a great leader said just a few years ago. Jimmy Carter stated, “We live in a time of transition and an uneasy era which is likely to endure for the rest of this century. During this period, we may be tempted to abandon some of the time-honored principles that have been proven during difficult times of past generations. We must never yield to this temptation. Our American values are not luxuries but necessities, not salt in our bread but the bread itself.”

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

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

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, like so many other.

Our enemy is invisible and consumed with hate, and the acts perpetrated against America are an assault on all civilized people.

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 of 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 nor was there much support outside of Congress for increased funding for our 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 mournful over 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 sure retribution to those who shelter them.

Our Nation is built upon the hopes and dreams of those yearning to live free. From the smoldering ashes of this devastation, a steady resolve has been forged. The bonds that bind these United States will not be broken and we will never ever forget.

Mr. GARY G. MILLER asked and was pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RUSH), our valued colleague.

Mr. RUSH. 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, nameless scoundrels 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, tonight, we pray for every victim and every victim’s family. Many lives were lost and now only our prayers can bring the devastating truth to bear.

We must acknowledge that yesterday’s assault 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 culprits 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. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. GALLEGLY).

(Mr. GALLEGLY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in standing in strong support of this joint resolution tonight.

I rise in strong support of this resolution that condemns 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 to 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 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 yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY), a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Financial Services.

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution today.

The 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 measures, commit whatever resources, 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 upon our world and our Nation.

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 here 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 our freedom, who would attack this great Nation, who by their heroic acts may have served that America can choke on a gnat, but swallow tigers whole.

Mr. Speaker, I have listened for 2 days to the Members of this body. This is the time when radicals can inflict pain, suffering and death on innocent citizens without recourse.

We must end the ability for nation states to see no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil while living in evil's midst. America has been changed forever through this tragedy. It falls upon us to rebuild the confidence in our society that this great Nation will not cower, that we will be safe again, that freedom works.

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

(Mr. FATTAH asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution along with my colleagues.

Finally, determine who is responsible for these attacks and for past acts that have gone
unpunished and make them pay their debt to this country. Avoid harm to innocent people but pursue justice for those who have lost their lives. We can do no less.

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 act of 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 deep sympathies and 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 un-conceivable crime, I hope they will remember and learn how 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 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.

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 respond.

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 we can 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 understand the pain that they have unleashed. Perhaps they look at the United States and see us argue with each other along political, regional or racial lines, and believe that we are weak and divided; but they are wrong. We are a family that can fuss and fight, but we are still family.

Yesterday, terrorists came into our front yard and murdered innocent members of our family. 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 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 terrorist have bombed our ships and embassies; 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 these criminals, using an old Southern religious phrase, you have hell to pay.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would advise the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 19 1/2 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, those were those in my district who suffered loss, and all of us 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 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 in the past. As we do that, then it will be our duty to execute strong and certain recourses.

Mr. Speaker, we have the ability and the wherewithal as people to meet these challenges; we have met so many challenges in the past. As we do that, we shall not allow our emotions to override our values as people and as citizens. Our civil liberties and those of all Americans, together with our own sense of justice, will not be abandoned lest we tend to terrorista the victory they have not achieved and they do not deserve.

Certainly our lives have now changed, but still our resolve is enforced by the memory of the victims, by their families, and their bravery and selflessness of those who marched into danger to try to help. They inspire us as we move forward.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BERRETER), a senior member of the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on Intelligence, and chairman of the Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade.

Mr. BERRETER. Mr. Speaker, it has been an extraordinary day and tonight as well here in the House, and I am moved to comment upon the sentiments that have been expressed: strong comments, high-minded comments, and deeply felt sentiments. I can and do associate myself with all those remarks.

I know we are all very proud of the individual examples of heroism and bravery on the part of so many Americans, and we certainly I think all sense a degree of unity and resolve that we have not seen perhaps since 1941.

As a member of the Committee on Intelligence 6 years previous and now again as vice chairman since January, I can tell Mr. Speaker, we have had in the intelligence community many examples of successes against terrorism directed at our homeland.

But the inadequacies and the failures of our intelligence are available for all to see. The successes we do not talk about.

I recall when I visited General Schwarzkopf’s headquarters 4 days after the end of the Persian Gulf war, he reminded us there is never enough intelligence for our field commanders and for our civilian leaders.

We face a whole new range of asymmetrical threats against the United States, including terrorism directed at our civilian population. So much has gone out forward to the future and all of our great rhetoric must be matched by actions. Many Members here this afternoon and evening have ended their
comments 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 match 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 knowing the fact that the majority leader of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), 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. 39, the order of the 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. Yesterday our shores, our security, and our sense of ourselves as a Nation suffered a heinous cowardly attack, a blatanct act of war that demands a like response.

Innocent American men, women, and children in civilian airplanes were used and converted into the deadly missiles that certainly matched the 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 to secure our survivors from the rubble at the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., care for our wounded, volunteer to donate blood, reach out and comfort the grieving, ensure our school children safety, and do our Nation’s business in State and Federal Government buildings, in banks, in the fields, and in factories.

The quiet determination of American resolve and 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 Energy and Commerce.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. While the terrorists smashed their planes into 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 and comfort to such terrorists shall incur our wrath also. They share fully in the responsibility of the actions of the terrorists whom they supported.

America is a patient Nation. We are a tolerant people. But our patience and our tolerance have run out. The wolf is rising in our hearts. Our Nation’s great strength comes from our freedom and our independence. We will defend our way of life. Our Nation’s great sense of purpose comes from its people. And we will defend our citizens. We will beef up our security, we will enhance our intelligence gathering, and we will make America safe and free again.

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 asked and was given permission to include extraneous material.

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 was the voice of one who always hear on a program called As It Happens.

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated of 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 billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today even paying interest on the remaining debts it owes to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When earthquakes hit distant streets and cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornados. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries, and now newspapers in those countries are whining and writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

Why does no other land on Earth even consider putting a man or woman on the Moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles. But you talk about American technocracy and you find men on the Moon, not once but several times, and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and Americans put theirs right in the store window for everyone to look at. Even their draft dodgers are not pursued and hanged. They are here on our streets in Canada, 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 Railroad went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name 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 am tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada will never be one of these.

Stand proud, America.

I think we need to hear that. It does us a little good to remember who we are.

On the morning of September 11, our nation experienced a tragedy of unspeakable proportions. Four commercial passenger jets were hijacked with devastating consequences. Thousands of people are known or presumed to have been killed, and thousands more have been injured.

We are all brokenhearted over the needless loss of life that has occurred. Too many beloved spouses, parents, siblings, and children...
had their futures snatched away by madmen. Scores of firefighters, police officers, and rescue personnel were lost when their dedication drove them to the scene and into the damned buildings to help the victims. These men and women are national heroes.

As the stories of heroism begin to emerge—people who put their own lives at risk in order to aid others. I am astounded and very proud to have heard how many people stayed calm in the midst of chaos. Time and again, we heard how perfect strangers reached out to help each other survive and escape. In the worst of circumstances, the very best in these people emerged. I am 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.

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 defiant. These heinous crimes will only stiffen our resolve never to bend in the face of terrorism 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

Lis 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 people waited in lines longer than I can remember, the lines that were working there. We have over 200 firefighters—police, a member of the police, a member of the fire department, and the New York Fire Department, who have been working there for the past 2 days in preparation, Doniger said. He added that the many hospitals downstate, and in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, would have to be overwhelmed first before upstate hospitals would be overwhelmed.

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 Minnesota (Mr. KENNEDY), Chairman 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 today. Our hearts and prayers go to those who have lost their loved ones in the recent atrocious and cowardly acts. Our spirits are lifted by the countless acts of courage and heroism and for those that have sacrificed their lives for others. To some, we appeared weak yesterday. Yet as we gathered together to pray under the Capitol dome just minutes ago, I am reminded of Paul’s words to the Corinthians, "When I am weak, then I am strong."

In my own life, I have repeatedly found that it is only when I am weak, by surrendering my own will to God’s will, that I am strong. America itself has repeatedly shown that when it appears weak, it is strong. We need only to look to the example of Pearl Harbor. I have great confidence that under God’s guidance, America will rise from this moment of apparent weakness and again serve as a beacon of hope and liberty to the world.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to my good 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. As we look at the news and 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, 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 many 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. I am unbelievably disturbed by 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, a member of the fire department that went back into the buildings, the people who gave their lives who did not have to. The collateral damage was the flesh and blood of Americans. But the collateral damage was not and should not be the American spirit.

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 bravery and the courage displayed by this cowardly, dastardly attack. We must not forget. And 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, (Mr. GUTKNECHT), a member of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Science.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. I thank the gentleman for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, every generation 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, the directionality of the question. They prevailed. And the world is better for it. The ‘lism’ 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 burying and building will be in vain. Terrorists are our enemies. Americans are 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, and more victims. We must commit ourselves to a total war.

Claubowz 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 advance 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 misconceived the steely resolve in the American spirit. They miscalculated us low. 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 colleague, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. RIVERS).

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today America is defined by emotions, grief, disbelief and rage. Our hearts ache for the victims of the senseless violence unleashed on New York City and Washington, D.C. These victims who became targets simply by arriving for work or getting to the office one touch us deeply. These were ordinary people, doing ordinary things, and yet they found themselves consumed by a maelstrom of evil. Americans of every color, ethnicity, religion and political perspective have come together to comfort and grieve families, to condemn yesterday’s barbaric and inexcusable acts, and with a single voice to cry out for justice. But our search for justice must be pursued 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 gave them aid and comfort. But we must act with informed certainty and punish only the guilty, not those who simply look like them or have similar surnames or live near them.

Additionally, as we consider legislation to address this crisis, each proposal must be passed before the great lens of our Constitution, the cornerstone of our Republic and our freedoms. Americans will be scarred by the 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 hospital television screen, 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 mother, somebody’s father, 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 those freedom-hating few name the companionship of the kind of hatred that prompted the murderous acts that we witnessed yesterday.

We will respond. And to the terrorists, those who prey on weakness, those terrorist bulle who committed these acts, we will face you with strength. You can run, but you cannot hide. We are coming after you. 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 act. It is not 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 this world to call upon 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, our resolve-to protect ourselves.

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 those that have lost their families and been wounded, especially the emergency responders that were doing 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. 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 not that the 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 underestimated these soldiers 225 years ago, 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 then 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 gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE).

Ms. PRYCE 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 dust of the terrorist attacks 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 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 America. 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, and no act of violence, no knives 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 their heinous acts. Innocent American lives, on American soil. The flame of liberty remains bright and unshaken, our resolve unyielding, our history and legacy is not just about goodness and fairness, but about force and justice. Quoting John Paul Jones, “We have not yet begun to fight.” We will stand with the President and we will stand with our military, our administration, 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, I yield 2 minutes to my friend from New Hampshire (Mr. BASS).

Mr. BASS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the pending resolution. 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 friends and 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 these heinous acts.

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.

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 communities.

While we will send a very clear message with our vote tonight in this House that the unbelievable and tragic 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 showing of giving of their time and their energy, of their commitment to the recovery.

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. COMBEST. 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 the 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.

Mr. Speaker, pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?
Mr. Speaker, I rise in 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 City, 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.

As I think about my grandchildren, Ayanna, Myles, Ramia and Blair, I think about the psychological toll it has taken on our children who suffer from the idiocy 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 should 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, the Red Cross, FEMA, and numerous volunteers for their quick response, daring courage, and unrelenting commitment. Their noble service is immeasurable.

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 met, to make sure that air travel is safer. The pilots must apply that 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.

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 our national 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 3½ 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, not only our gratitude, but also our energy be focused on 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 providers, folks of all sorts who have come out to help save lives, to rebuild, we are strong.

Finally, I am also heartened by the response from the world community, by the common expressions of sympathy for our families and every person, a response of unity with our Nation. This response further illustrates the truth of Shelley's observations as expressed through his poetry.

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 terrorists are the few. So not only will America rise from this unspeakable tragedy like lions, we can be assured that so much of the rest of the world is ready to rise in its exalted purpose with us.

Mr. Speaker, together, we will indeed be 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 our national 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 3½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Ways and Means.
Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I stand tonight in prayer and sorrow, for the victims of this terrible attack, sorrow for their families, sorrow for Linda George whose brother, Bryan, works with me. Linda was a passenger on one of the planes that crashed yesterday. 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, Rodmin Dickerson, 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 people like Andrea Haberman, a young woman from Wisconsin who was on her first business trip to New York and was in the World Trade Center at the time of the attack.

Mr. Speaker, I stand tonight in heartfelt thanks, thanks to the firefighters, police officers and rescue workers who risked or gave their lives to help others. Every American should be proud and thankful for their bravery and service to others.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I stand tonight in determination, determination that the perpetrators of this horrible attack will be quickly identified and brought to justice. They will see that America will not allow this crime to go unpunished.

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 time to me.

What an awesome opportunity it has been, Mr. Speaker, for all of us to be a part of observing the true history 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.

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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. They have been a target, too.

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 and 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 be very proud of this. 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 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. I want to say to him another day and another time and another crisis that we cannot look the other way. We as Americans cannot look the other way either.

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. There was another event that 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 fire 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 they are 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. 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.

My daughter-in-law was due to work at 9:30 a.m. on the 68th floor of the World Trade Center. She had to drop my grandson off at a nearby day-care center at 9:00 a.m. She watched in horror from the street as the first plane struck the first tower. How fortunate I am that it only took 4 hours to find out that the two of them were safe.

All decent people are touched, but this intimate brush with death so close in the family brings tears to my eyes each time I hear a story of another unfortunate soul who was consumed by this catastrophe.

I have heard some parents say that they do not want to tell their children about this horror. Let me fervently urge these parents to tell their children about the brave New York City policemen and firemen who went in to stop the spreading fire while others were rushing out to safety.

I ask them to tell their children that more than 200 firemen and nearly 70 policemen died struggling to save others.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, 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 world, and then the world will be safe while others were rushing out to safety.

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to my friend and colleague, the gentleman 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 hard-working 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 our country a great Nation. We have come a long way in the elimination of poverty, prejudices, and injustice. 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 have lighted a fire to attempt 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. It is our duty to 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, Boston, New York, San Francisco, and others 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 end 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 and our people.

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 our policy at all levels, and strengthen our resolve for peace on Earth. 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 asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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 must 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 do what we can to help: 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 comprehensively investigate those who are responsible for this dastardly and deadly deed. We are sure we must respond with strength and in a comprehensive and all our public manner.

Yesterday was September 11, day 9-11, and we were sent an emergency wake-up call. It was not dialled accidentally; it was a deliberate message. Terrorists struck at our greatest symbols of financial power and 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. 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 were deeply in an endless interconnected fabric? These individuals each had unique stories, and friends and family 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 in our core beliefs of liberty and democracy.

Yesterday I was in New York City. It is hard to express in words the devastation that this act has brought to my city. The people of New York 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 without its two great towers standing and a few others. 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 our unparalleled life. These 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 ready to defend those principles against any threat.

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Over the last day and a half we have seen countless examples of courage as our emergency workers and our firemen and policemen risked their lives to save others. They exemplify the best values of our nation. Ordinary people reached out to offer whatever they could to assist and stood in long lines to donate blood. And in the end, many of them paid the highest price in order to save others and help them keep their families and friends from suffering such unbearable tragedy.

Let there be no misunderstanding, the American people will not let this terrible act diminish our love for America as a nation. As I fly over 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 without its two towering structures standing above all the others. In their place I only saw a cloud of smoke rising up to the sky. Without those two towers watching over the 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 ready to defend those principles against any threat.

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 unity and solidarity with our fellow Americans as we have 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 ironclad 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 over the horrific loss of human life and express our sympathy and our concern and our anguish.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution. It says what all Americans are saying and expresses our unbroken resolve. It may be some time before we fully understand what happened and who is responsible. But make no mistake—those who organized these inhumane and desperate attacks will be found and they will be brought to justice.

These attacks on Americans on American soil have not and cannot extinguish the American spirit. Now more than ever, we must steel ourselves to do what must be done—and to do it carefully and correctly. Words and rhetoric are not enough. We can no longer appeal to the hearts and souls of terrorists and those who support and harbor them—they have no heart and they have no soul.

Clearly, our concept of national security must now be reexposed—and our principles and readiness to act. As a nation we have a solemn obligation not to rest until those guilty of these murderous crimes are brought to justice for their crimes.

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 never be allowed to be forgotten. In the course of the last thirty hours, we have paid 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 of those lost in this tragedy. As a Congress 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 of America.

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 who are in the actions and 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 will track down those responsible and bring them to justice.

We have the strongest democracy in the history of the world and we will get through this shocking attack on our country.

To the perpetrators of these heinous acts, we will pursue and bring each and every one
of you to justice. America will not tolerate such acts of barbaric terrorism. We must do all we can to bring the guilty to justice and ensure this never recurs.

To all my fellow Americans, the United States must not bow to terrorism. We must do the nation’s business. We should not let yesterday’s tragic events stop the work of our nation—to do so would give terrorism its victory.

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 am working with my staff to as-...
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 the way of life we enjoy.

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, the architect of the last major attack on U.S. soil at Pearl Harbor mused after the attack: ‘‘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 unified 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. Our lives will be changed as we 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 conditioner. As I came abreast of the Pentagon, which was on my right, I thought I heard 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 the same black cloud of smoke I had just observed.

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,‘‘ with ‘‘faith.’’ That is how we will have to proceed.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the grief millions of Americans are feeling today across our great nation knows no boundaries. While I recognize the significance of 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, mothers and fathers, military personnel and veterans; 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 millions of 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 who commit acts of terror.

They should be destroyed, and restored with force so powerful that these villains will no longer have the ability to rear their fangs against our great nation again. I agree with Mr. Thornberry that the strength of America is the hearts of our American citizens by terrorist organizations continues to grow as demonstrated by the occurrence of well-planned, multi-faceted strategic attacks.

We must 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; prohibiting surgical attacks against known terrorist leaders. 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 Prevent and Eliminate Terrorism Threats Act, 2001. We must take bold and comprehensive action to combat and eliminate terrorism.

Terrorist leaders should rarely be targeted, and any such steps should be preceded at minimum careful and comprehensive consideration involving our military, intelligence, and policy leaders. However, when terrorist leaders, such as the ones who caused the attacks against 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 an attack, and we must forcefully address the problems and fix them immediately. 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 hurdles 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 sort of attack with all of the power 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. Precisely 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 as yet unknown killer. I extend my deepest respect and gratitude to the thousands 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. On the contrary—we are a nation that pulls together during extraordinary times. And, indeed, this is an extraordinary time. This unity of spirit is already evident by countless Americans who are lining up at bloodbanks across the country, those offering clothing to the walking wounded whose clothes were seared by burning buildings, and scores of people who are racing to crash sites to relieve exhausted rescue personnel. The resolve of America is evident in the face of this carnage and chaos.
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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 is the shadiness of terrorist acts, guile, deception and stealth—not from recognized foes wielding weapons of missiles and the recognizable implements of war.

Air defense, satellites, ballistic missiles, tanks, and helicopters were of little use to the foe who struck Tuesday morning in the deadliest 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, shall live in infamy. The attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. This day, too, shall live in infamy. The lessons of those events that not only saddened and outraged the country against terrorism. The bloody devastation in New York and Washington just as easily could happen in Moscow, Berlin or Paris.

The deadliest attack ever made on American soil marks the start of a new era in this country. Complacency is now a thing of the past. As America grids for sustained battle against terrorism, may it be granted the wisdom to choose wisely as it balances the needs of liberty and security.

[From the Omaha World Herald, Sept. 12, 2001]

Yesterday was a day for Americans to face often-neglected inconvenient truths.

Our borders are porous. Our cities are poorly protected. Our airline security program has been exposed as a dismal failure. Our defense and intelligence services are underfunded and, in some cases, held only hap hazardly to account.

The Pentagon lies in partial ruin. The World Trade Center, the other symbol of our commercial might, has been erased from the Manhattan skyline. Americans can no longer be sure our centers of government and commerce are safe based solely on the good will of the public.

Some of the vulnerability exists because Americans wanted more personal benefits from government at the expense of defense and intelligence. Civilian society has grown apart from some of the realities of security. Accordingly, many Americans were unprepared for this brutal introduction to warfare in what is sure to be one of its 21st century forms.

It is a maddening, infuriating kind of conflict 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 and large concentrations of innocent civilians.

It is 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 Pearl Harbor attack. Fifty thousand people worked in the World Trade Center towers. If the hijack-terrorists had achieved a maximum kill, it would have been even greater.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member calls to his colleagues' attention the exceptionally perceptive editorials of Nebraska's two metropolitan newspapers—the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. The editorial advice of the former newspaper that "now is the time for Americans to unite, to draw together" is certainly evident in abundance in Nebraska today, and throughout this Nation. It is critical that national leadership need to consider, and lead by our example and our actions in the Congress, the advice of the Omaha paper that while "this is a time for anger, to be sure, and grief and compassion toward those whose family members or friends have been among the victims. 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."

[From the Lincoln Journal Star, Sept. 12, 2001]

Most of America's response to Tuesday's suicide hijackings will be directed from Washington. This is no time for rhetoric as usual. Americans are sick of Republicans and Democrats who spend more energy fighting for partisan advantage than in actually addressing the problems. The terrorist threat is rugsing the globe of terrorists—not angling to pick up seats in the next election.

Certainly the nation's intelligence-gathering capabilities need to be scrutinized. Perhaps there has been too much reliance on satellite surveillance. Perhaps it's time to re-emphasize human operations. Some have suggested that our intelligence agencies need to address the damage inflicted upon our land and our people. I know that Congress will respond thoroughly and expeditiously.

This is a time for anger, to be sure, and grief and compassion toward those whose family and friends are among the victims. 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.

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, today is another day that will live in infamy.

Americans are not used to attacks on our citizens, especially on our own soil. And America will not stand for it.

Today's cowardly attacks were made by those who despise freedom. Well, I have news for them: freedom will prevail, and they will pay the highest price for their actions.

This was an act of war. Some of my friends who are World War II veterans compare this to Pearl Harbor. But in World War II, we knew who—and where—the enemy was. As yet, we don't know the answer to that question, but be assured that we will find out.

Our thoughts and prayers today are with the innocent victims and their families. We also owe a great debt of gratitude to those rescue workers who continue to put public safety above their own. They are true American heroes, and we deeply saddened that many of those public servants lost their lives.

But while we grieve, we must also harden our resolve to protect this wonderful country. I have great confidence in the men and women who serve in our military and will be called upon to respond on behalf of the American people. I also have great confidence in our civilians, who will willingly make whatever sacrifices might be needed.
I encourage our citizens to donate blood, which is critically needed at this time. I also encourage you to go to your house of worship and join in prayer.

America will rebound from this tragedy. The terrorists took their best shot, and now it’s time that we take ours.

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, our great Nation was dealt a blow of untold destruction and loss of life, in a cowardly and egregious act of war by terrorists.

At this time my thoughts and prayers are with the victims and the families of this horrible terrorist act. This is now a time for our Nation to collectively grieve and come together as one to address this crisis. I salute the brave men and women who are, even now, pouring through the tangled remains of the buildings, the doctors, nurses, paramedics, and law enforcement who are working long hours to provide critical medical attention, and the volunteers who are rallying to support them.

The American people and Congress will support the President’s effort to utilize every resource available to ensure our Nation’s security. Our Nation has not witnessed such an unprovoked attack since Pearl Harbor. As in the past, America will respond. We will identify the perpetrators of these attacks and hold them accountable for an act of war against the American people.

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Joint Resolution 61 expressing the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001.

We are gathered here on the floor of the people’s House 1 day after the worst attack on American soil in our Nation’s history.

We are gathered here to demonstrate that the people’s work must go on. And that we will not be intimidated away from performing the people’s work.

We are gathered here to show the world that you can take our people’s lives, and you can destroy their property; but you can never destroy their values of freedom and the institution of democracy.

And so, as the people’s representatives, we must act in the face of turmoil, confusion, and danger to do the peoples’ work; to show our enemies that the people cannot be intimidated, and that our democracy cannot be shut down.

Today is a day that we must demonstrate to the world that terrorism is not free speech, it is 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 draw 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 pundits talk of this group or that. I want our intelligence community and military forces to hunt them down like the murdering 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 pursing the American dream. I called him “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 appropriation in the name of the missing and the dead, we can do no less. This is the people’s house. 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 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 chair of the appropriations subcommittee that funds the Department of Health and Human Services, I am very pleased to see the Department 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 treasuring 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 on 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 this country, with the hope that future attacks can be prevented. 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 too will 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 with a common purpose to show that this Nation continues to stand tall and proud.

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.

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, the dispossession, the anger, and the enormity 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 congratulations 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 of tragedy 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 we were surrounded, today we are changed.” We will meet this challenge and this challenge united—knowing that our freedom is our greatest strength and knowing that in our resolve to protect freedom, we will not fail.

Mr. HILLEGARY. 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 with the men and women who are conducting the recovery efforts.

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 familial fight. One need only to see the long lines waiting to fly. In airports, or the truckdrivers 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 says to us how 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 cour-
age 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 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 will be a stronger, more noble, and
free nation than before.
Today a new generation of Americans is re-
minded 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 evil in yesterday’s attacks was ex-
traordinary, 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 vic-
tory of freedom over tyranny will come, as it
always has, from the character of the Amer-
ican people. As a nation we must, more than ever,
hold to our common heritage and belief
that the freedoms we hold dear are the right
of every individual under God and not merely
the fruits of economic or military power. The
Apostle Paul in 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 undoubt-
edly see the strength of our military but they
will also see the strength of our 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 bright-
est. In the days to come that lighthouse will
shine even brighter still, penetrating the dark-
est of nights and standing tall as an enduring
beacon of hope.
May God bless the victims and their fami-
dies, and may God bless America.
Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, September
11th was a tragic day in America’s history,
but America will prevail. The depth and
breadth of evil in yesterday’s attacks were
an act of war against the United States. When
the people of Oklahoma, in particular,
tried 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
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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 victims. It was an 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 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 world. It will never be the same.

Thank you Mary!

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 61.

911 now has as new meaning in America. September 11, 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 of this great tragedy and the importance of the fight against terrorism.

We will rebuild our structures, but we cannot rebuild lives that have lost forever. We thought prayers go out to the victims, their families and friends and all those affected by this reprehensible and cowardly attack against our country. As we attempt to rescue survivors and console those who are left behind, 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 the tragedies yesterday in New York, the Washington, DC area, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the remarks of Mr. ARMLEY and Mr. GEPhardt. The partnership we have formed and the commitment to work together on a bipartisan basis with no axis 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 United States. And, the complexity of the attacks 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 slightly different point. During the past 24 hours, since the shock of viewing the events of yesterday began to wane, the question has been asked many times: how do we prevent this from happening again?

As you know, there is no simple answer. However, during our deliberations on the panel which was established by former full committee chairman, the late Floyd Spence, it has become abundantly clear that there are at least five principles which must be developed or enhanced to safeguard the future security of our great nation.

First, there is an obvious need for the development of individual responsibility for the security of ourselves, our families, friends and our communities. An awareness for our surroundings and potential dangers must be understood and developed. We have and society have existed in a relatively safe environment, free of dangers posed by terrorism. To some degree that may not continue to be the case.

Second, there is a need to develop "institutional responsibility." That is, to take steps to ensure that all persons and organizations known to us are safer from violence. The Congress of the United States, as an institution, has made important strides during the past decade in this regard as we have safeguards in place today that did not previously exist. This is not so with most other institutions. Obviously, there is a need to increase institutional security at airports and in other places. State and local governments have special responsibilities in this regard as they are the closest to the people.

Third, to those of us who have studied this subject, it has become apparent that a high level of intelligence information is necessary in order to ward off terrorist attacks. Simply stated, if we don't know they are planning an attack, we have little if any chance of stopping them. The previous administration's ban on recruiting unsavory characters and excess reliance on electronic forms of intelligence collection prevent us from collecting the critical human intelligence (HUMINT) that alone can provide us from collecting the critical human intelligence (HUMINT) that alone can provide warning of such attacks. In regard to the most recent event, we had no specific knowledge of the plan and disastrous results occurred. Better resources organized and intelligence operation is therefore a principle to advance.

Fourth, as President Bush pointed out in his remarks last evening, international cooperation is an essential principle. International terrorism simply has no borders. If we go to work and visit airlines are threatened by the same groups of individuals on every continent. This very day, we should each reach out to friends and associates in other government's to offer our cooperation and seek their help.

Fifth, the American people will begin to take place when would-be terrorists have developed a full understanding that there is a heavy price 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 hunt 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 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 guiltless, 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-loving 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. America was also awakened to its lost optimism, a patriotism that we drifted away from. Yet, as in the past, once awakened, America is rising up in defense of liberty. America was also awakened to its lost patriotism, a patriotism that we drifted away from. America was also awakened to its lost optimism, a patriotism that we drifted away from. Yet, as in the past, once awakened, America is rising up in defense of liberty.

It is sickening to me to see pictures of people celebrating the deaths of innocent Americans. It is heartbreaking 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 this attack. 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 this attack. 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 this attack.

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the many police officers, firefighters, and para-

medics 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 yest-

day.

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 per-

sonnel 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 may live and breathe in an atmosphere of con-

fidence 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 attacks on New York and Washington, DC. I commend the leadership for bringing this bipartisan, bicameral resolu-
tion to the floor to demonstrate the resolve of our great nation and our solidarity with the families and friends of yesterday’s victims.

Yesterday, there were nothing short 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 way of life. They certainly succeeded in bringing about death and destruction on a massive scale, causing terror in the hearts of every American. But they will never succeed in breaking the spirit of America. Our great nation will survive today, and we will continue to stand as the beacon for democracy worldwide.

Yesterday was a day at work today, carrying on the work of 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 any 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 terror were 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. Many more are vol-

unteering in hospitals. This is the spirit of America that will never be broken.

Mr. Speaker, ten years ago, I was a Mem-
er of the House when we stood in solidarity against 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. I continue to support President Bush, and 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, Democrats and Republicans, stand united be-

hind 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 will carry us through this trial. It is the umbrella under which we are 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. DeMINT. 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, who went to work yesterday, are now dead.

Yesterday, we witnessed the worst cowardly act of violence were brazen in their planning and determined in their execution. Their despicable act of violence were calculated, malicious, and cunning. They ruth-
lessly turned commercial airliners filled with 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 rou-
tinely give of our surplus food, knowledge, and resources to others in the name of hu-

manitarianism, but today, we must defend our own freedom around the world so that their quest for power through barbarism will go unchal-

lenged. But we will remain steadfast and con-
tinue 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 you have not accomplished the destruction of Democracy or dampened the light of Liberty. You have only reminded us once again, that there is a price for freedom; but you will surely bear that cost in full as well. You will know the fury and scourge of a people provoked to pro-
tect their freedom and answer for loved ones who are now dead.

Many have appropriately compared Sept-
ember 11, 2001 with December 7, 1941. It is worth pointing out that in distinction to the events of 1941, yesterdays attack targeted both military personnel and civilians. And while we deal with the shock and dismay that must be similar to the day after the events that catapulted us into World War II, I would note the words attributed to Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto after the Pearl Harbor at-
tack when he said, “I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with terrible resolve.”

Today I join with other Members in passing a resolution condemning this act of terrorism and in the coming hours and days, we in Con-
gress will be working closely with the Presi-
dent to rescue survivors, honor our dead, and dispatch the severest possible punishment to those responsible. We have much work to do to secure the future of America, and the prin-
ciples of freedom and democracy throughout the world.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.J. Res. 61. Yesterday, September 11, 2001, a cowardly attack of horrific proportions was perpetrated against the United States. Words simply cannot explain the enormity and horror of what was witnessed yesterday. It was a day of bar-

bacis acts in striking contrast, the darkest side perpetuating an act of cowardice and the American resolve and heroism, of individuals rushing to rescue those fallen by this des-
picable cowardly attack.

At this time our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the innocent Americans who were murdered or injured in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on board the airlines, in this unprovoked and unconscion-
able attack on the United States.

Make no mistake; what happened Tuesday, September 11, was an act of war, perpetrated by cowardly fanatics with no regard for life. It was an attack against our basic freedoms and values. Our response must be just, swift, and se-

vere.

During this time of tragedy, the United States Congress and its members stand strongly united behind our President, the Joint
Chief of Staff, and the nation. The United States stands prepared with grim resolve to identify, pursue, and capture, and bring to justice the perpetrators of these attacks. America’s resolve is unwavering, with no quarter given to those who have committed these heinous crimes and those who harbor them. There can be no peace for the United States and those nations who seek to give them sanctuary and asylum.

Yesterday, the world changed. Yesterday, humanity’s innocence was stripped away and violated in a flash of fire and the haze of destruction. The Union will do what generations of Americans have done before us, we will roll up our sleeves and get to work, continue the ongoing rescue efforts, mourn those we have lost, rebuild what has been destroyed, and seek justice for this diabolical attack on our Nation.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

Yesterday America lost its innocence. Never again will we feel that we are safe from attack. I am shocked. I am horrified, I am deeply, deeply saddened.

Make no mistake about it. Our Nation is at war. However, this is a new kind of war where we aren’t sure who is the enemy. At least one thing is certain—our resolve is strong to find those responsible and to punish them.

Our response must be swift, forceful, and thorough. But above all, we must be careful that our actions do not unnecessarily increase world tensions. Let us not fall to the barbaric level of our attackers.

I proudly represent the Dayton area, home of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, one of the largest military bases in the country. Every day, tens of thousands of Dayton area citizens work to protect our national security.

That work takes a new meaning as our Nation comes to grips with new, urgent military requirements.

I join my constituents in offering condolences to the victims and their families of this brutal terrorist attack. My prayers are with them.

I am especially thankful to the fire fighters, police officers, rescue workers, and the military personnel who have risked their lives to protect us.

The American spirit cannot be defeated. We will move forward to protect our economy, our military, and our way of life.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, later this week a delegation from the European Parliament was scheduled to meet in Chicago with an American delegation, which I have the honor to lead, in our 53rd meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators’ Dialogue. As much as we would like to proceed in a “war order”, the two delegations have decided that it will be inappropriate at this time for us to meet in Chicago. Instead, we will meet in Washington.

I want to thank the European delegation, headed by cochairperson Imelda “Meil” Read of the United Kingdom, for a touching expression of sympathy, solidarity, and understanding. We will work against terror which she sent me yesterday, which I ask that it be inserted in the RECORD at this point.

In addition, I would like to insert a statement from the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament and by the Council of Ministers of the European Union, both of which express their solidarity with the United States.

European Parliament,

Hon. Benjamin A. Gilman,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Dear Ben, the European Parliament delegation for relations with the United States and myself are shocked and horrified by the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

I wish to express to you personally and to the members of the US delegation our deepest sympathy for the innocent victims of these attacks.

The European Parliament has repeatedly condemned in the strongest possible terms such appalling acts and I wish to assure you of our determination to stand by the USA in combating terrorism.

I would also like to inform you that the European Parliament delegation is ready to participate in any event that may demonstrate our common resolve to continue working together in promoting peace, security and prosperity in the world.

Yours sincerely,

Imelda Read.

Statement of the European Parliament,
Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy, Brussels, 12 September 2001

The Foreign Affairs Committee has learned with shock and sorrow of the atrocity of the terrorist attack in the USA.

We join our colleagues in the US Congress and all American people in their deep sorrow and stand united with them in solidarity.

This terrorist act is directed against the entire international community of democracies and their citizens.

We stand together with the USA in the fight against international terrorism.

At the same time, we should develop a joint policy of all democracies against any state hijacked by terrorists and we should aim to overcome the most burning conflicts in the world.

No political reason justifies terrorism.

Declaration by the European Union

The Council of the European Union, meeting in special session today, in the presence of the Secretary General of the Atlantic Alliance, expressed its horror at yesterday’s terrorist attacks in the United States. The Council stressed its complete solidarity with the government and the people of the United States and with all American people at this terrible time and extended its deepest sympathy to all the victims and their families. We ask all Europeans to observe a minute’s silence on Friday, 14 September at 1200 and we also declare 14 September 2001 a day of mourning.

These horrendous acts are an attack not only on the United States but against humanity itself and the values we hold dear.

We will work closely with the United States and all partners to combat international terrorism. All international organizations, particularly the United Nations, must urgently engage and all relevant international instruments, including on the financing of terrorism, must be fully implemented.

The Community and its Member States have offered to the United States all possible assistance with search and rescue operations. Discussions are underway to establish what help would be most useful.

Recalling the strong and enduring ties which exist between the European Union and the United States, the Presidency of the Union has asked the Presidency to stay in close contact with the government of the United States in order to convey this message of solidarity.


On behalf of the eight members of the British Parliamentary Delegation in Washington, Hon. Michael Connarty MP said:

Every member of our all-party delegation expresses our deepest sympathy to the American people at this time of tragedy.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families, friends and communities who have lost love ones.

We unreservedly condemn these cowardly acts of terror against innocent people. All of our delegation 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 in 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 Walsingham, 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 live in history and we will forever emblazoned in the hearts of all Americans.

This is the fourth generation type of warfare that we have long feared, and we will employ every available resource to eradicate such tactics from the face of the earth. We will not rest until we ferret out those who perpetuated 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 have lost their lives or are 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 do whatever it takes to end what it means to be an American.

May God’s grace be with the victims, their families, and with America.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, our nation witnessed one of the most despicable acts imaginable to humankind. Seamless 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 finance 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 wit-
nessed 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 for harboring terrorists 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
terrorism America is united not divided as we
have done countless times throughout our
nation’s glorious and storied history. Ameri-
cans 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 fami-
lies and friends of those killed and injured yester-
day 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 in-
creased 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, and 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 bet-
ter able to protect the lives of American citi-
zens in a world that has become a more dan-
gerous place.

In this regard, I believe there is consensus
at this time among Members of Congress to
support the increased level of spending for de-
fense and national security in the next fiscal
year. And, Mr. Speaker, about the real defense requirements that each of the
military services has submitted to Congress, in
response to a request from Congressman Ike
Skelton earlier this year. These “unfunded
requirements” of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps
and the Air Force represented the actual re-
quests 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 Con-
gress was $32.4 billion, and when the Presi-
dent’s budget was submitted to Congress in June,
it accounted for NONE of these urgent requests from the services.

Therefore, as we debate the defense au-
thorization and defense appropriations bills in
the aftermath of yesterday’s tragedies, I be-
lieve it would be helpful for the Members of
the House to review a summary of the list of
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 real
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.
The Army needs $523 million to support its Comanche program at the mini-
um sustainable level. The Army has identi-
fied 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 communica-
tions networks in support of more rapid de-
ployments and operations.

#### SINCgars:
The Army needs $17.6 million just to buy the required numbers of the base-
line SINCgars radios.

#### Information Systems Security:
The Army needs $48.6 million to upgrade and ensure the security of its information systems.

#### HMWVs:
The Army needs $284 million to purchase 4,000 HMWVs to cover unit short-
ages.

#### Heatex:
The Army needs $22 million to re-
place unsafe heaters used in field encamp-
ments by deployed troops.

### Navy and Marine Corps

#### Defense Message System (DMS) Transition:
The Navy has a shortfall of $15 million be-
cause the new Defense Message System (DMS) cannot support the Navy’s special han-
dling 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 missles and aircraft.

#### Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM):
The Navy needs $121 million to fully fund the RAM mis-
sile 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 cur-
rently planned. The average age of Navy planes is now on course to exceed the aver-
age age of its ships, an astonishing and trou-
bleshooting problem. The Navy must recapitalize its air
team.

#### EA-6B Jammers:
The Navy needs $15 million to replace 57 jammer pods that are obso-
lete. 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 mil-
liion 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, missles, and guidance kits of all of its arma-
ments.

#### Readiness Spares:
The Air Force needs $46.5 million to fully equip its readiness spares kits.

#### Link 16:
The Air Force needs $232.8 million to procure and install the Link-16 network ca-
pability on its Command and Control Aircraft (the AWACS and JSTARS) and 10% of its strike force to ensure that these 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 acquire C-130, KC-10, and C-12 airlift fleets with the
Global Air Traffic Management (GATM) which is required for safe flight in commercial air-
space.

### Time Critical Targeting:
The Air Force needs $296 million for networked target acquisition tools and communications upgrades to allow plan-
ing of air campaigns capable of attacking time critical targets as they are identified.

### Bomber Upgrades:
The Air Force needs $739.7 million to fund upgrades to its work-
horse bomber fleet that delivers a majority of all bombs and missiles. These aircraft are pro-
jected to have service lives of up to 80 years, and this funding is needed to keep them oper-
ating and as capable as possible.

### Fighter Upgrades:
The Air Force needs $649.9 million to fund upgrades to the A-10, F-15E, and F-16 fighters, and for software and avionics upgrades to
increase reliability and mission capable rates, and enhance survivability.

### Stored Munitions:
The Air Force needs $127 million to replace obsolete munitions that are prepositioned overseas with modern precision guided munitions.

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### COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, today
with the rest of my colleagues to condemn the terrorist attack on the United States and to ex-
press my sympathy to the victims of this hor-
rible act. The destruction of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was a frontal assault on the United States, our people, and our way 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 tragic event are the testament to the strength of the American people.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with
my colleagues in sadness and anger, as our
loss yesterday. My prayers are with the victims
of their loss. It will take some time to fully un-
derstand the human toll that was exacted on September 11, 2001. But we already know
that the United States will stand tall and sur-
 vive, with liberty and justice for all, now and
forever.
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 a personal level as two of the airplanes used in this attack began their journey in Boston.

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 words 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 visit 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 respecting civil liberties that have long distinguished our nation. We must rededicate ourselves to finding a balance that both protects and empowers the American 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 lives of thousands of federal employees who responded to the9 attacks. There were administrators of hospitals who brought health and hope to the sick and the injured. There were workers 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.
Karl Fischer, Fitchburg, Mass.
Peter Gay, Tewksbury, Mass.
Ted Hennessey, Belmont, Mass.
Charles Jones, Bedford, Mass.
Daniel C. Lewin.
Chris Mello, Boston, Mass.
Laura Lee Morabito, Framingham, Mass.
Jane Orth, Haverhill, Mass.
David Retik, Needham, Mass.
Richard Ross, Newton, Mass.
Bill Weems, Marblehead, Mass.
Garnet “Ace” Bailey, Lynnfield, Mass.
Marty Weinberg, Newton, Mass.
John Cahill, Wellesley, Mass.
Lynn Goodchild, Attleboro, Mass.
Peter Hanson, Massachusetts.
Susan Hanson, Massachusetts.
Christine Hanson, Massachusetts.
James E. Hayden, Westford, Mass.
Ruth McCourt, Westminster, Mass.
Juliana Valentine McCourt, Westford, Mass.
Jesus Sanchez, Hudson, Mass.
Brian D. Sweeney, Barnstable, Mass.
Jessica Sanchez, Mass.
Alex Filipov, Concord, Mass.
Kenneth Waldie, Methuen, Mass.
Peter Hashem, Tewksbury, Mass.
Betty Ong, Andover Mass.
Douglas Gowell, Methuen, Mass.
Frederick Rimmele, Marblehead, Mass.
Robert Baljert, 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 quiet heroes who put their 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, looked 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 fierce retribution 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 for those in need.

In this grim moment, we must be resolute in responding to those who are wrong. Instead, they will learn that reasonable men, I will reason, with humane men...
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greason; 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 civilians. 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 grief which this one day has 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, the two twisted, smoking twin towers tumbling to the earth. These are horrible images, burned forever into the American consciousness.

But beyond those ghastly sights, yesterday also provided 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 heroes in New York, but not 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 our government to strike back, and show 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, I realized that America has already begun to strike back. These terrorists who seek 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. 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 hour.

With each passing hour after of the attacks on our nation’s most enduring symbols, we learned about Americans reaching out to help their 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 least we can do is to 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 free speech, our right to question authority, to express our 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 as weaknesses to us, but we know better. They must be exploited, but they are what weave together the broad tapestry that is 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 make the 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 still pray together for friends, neighbors, our community and our country. No matter where we stand on any raging debate of the day, we are still able to start each ballgame standing together to sing the national anthem. Despite our political differences, all members in the House of Representatives and students across America start each day together saying the Pledge of Allegiance. And even when we disagree with our government, citizens still fly the American flag with pride. And even if we cannot even reach fever pitch debating the federal budget and our economic future. But in the end we work together trying to develop a plan that will best protect our future. And we have seen just that in recent weeks. The ties that bind us may be flexible, but they are stronger than ever. It should be a time today that we will always join together when our national security is threatened, and we will do what is necessary to protect our interests.

Unfortunately, some individuals are more committed to an ideological commitment than commitment to 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 siege. 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 these terrorists have the funds, the human and financial resources to confront us militarily. 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.

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM. 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 civilians. This was no Pearl Harbor, but something far worse.

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday will forever mark 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 the 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 persons, groups or nations that played 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 in the past. We have been warned of major terrorist activities would occur on U.S. soil. Yesterday’s attack is yet another indication. We must not let any stone go unturned. We must follow any path wherever it takes us and clearly determine responsibility for these horrendous acts. Then, we must act swiftly and decisively. Anyone who thinks they can commit barbarous acts such as these must feel the full weight of the American people.

Today we stand as one. We are Americans—united and strong in our resolve. Let no person, group or nation misunderstand that.
As tragic as yesterday’s events are, we must learn from them and look at America’s intelligence and security apparatus with an objective eye. Our intelligence and security agencies must be reviewed from the perspective of how we failed to sense that a terrorist operation this large was underfoot, and how our airport security could break down so completely.

We must ask ourselves hard questions and then come up with honest answers. We owe that much and more to the victims, their families and the American people. While we grieve for our loved ones we must ensure they can never happen again.

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in response to this attack on our American way of life and to this affront on our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

On behalf of the people of Kansas, we offer our prayers and support to those searching for survivors in the rubble and fighting the still smoldering fires in New York and at the Pentagon. We also want to offer deepest sympathies to those families suffering the loss of a loved one.

And, to all of us as Americans who are feeling a loss of safety and security, I want to share the words found in the Bible in Daniel 3:17 which says, “If we are thrown into the fire, the God we serve will be able to deliver us from it.”

I also offer these words to those who played any part in perpetratin...
mourned as called for in this resolution. For the RECORD, I submit a number of personal reflections from members of my congressional staff.

Jon Atlas, Legislative Correspondent: In the wake of this disaster, our challenges are threefold:

First of all, we must continue to locate survivors of the attack and work to comfort the families of those affected. My heart goes out to all those whose family and friends have lost their lives or are still missing in the rubble. In this darkest of moments, I am encouraged to know that rescue workers from around the country have convened upon New York for no personal gain, but rather to help save the lives of Americans. This herculean effort is an example of our country's greatest assets: our spirit. In the face of this tragedy, our country will come together; to help our neighbors cope, to ease the suffering, and to restore American confidence. After watching yesterday's rescue efforts unfold, I am extremely honored to call myself an American knowing that people will fight such a grand spirit spirit, and that our borders must be safe, our roads must be safe, and our borders must be safe. It is this sense of concern for me that in an age of immeasurable technological advancement, it is possible for a commercial jumbo jet to simply disappear from our skies. Each plane in the air should be accounted for at all time. By restoring the secure feeling to which we have become accustomed, America will proceed down the path of prosperity. Finally, we must seek out those who have shattered the dreams of so many innocent travelers, businesspeople and federal employees and punish them for their treachery. Soon, our governments will understand the consequences of harboring terrorists. The United States will send a clear message that these types of actions against our citizens will not be tolerated or forgotten. Yesterday's victims go beyond those within the area of the direct attack. America and freedom and way of life were under siege, but our ideals held up. This morning, seeing the Capitol building with the flags flying made me realize that we will not fold under such massive disasters. Our citizens may have been attacked, but our democracy will persevere.

Nicky Cardwell, District Aide: From the heartland we send our hearts, prayers and support for our fellow Americans personally suffering from this terrible atrocity. In American tradition we will continue with our daily work with heavy hearts and a quiet determination to preserve the freedom that this country represents. This injustice has raised an awareness of how vulnerable people of a free nation can be and we will preserve as generations before us.

Evan Delay, Legislative Correspondent: The terrorist attack yesterday was an incredibly sad event for everyone in our country, particularly the families and friends of the many victims of the attack. I feel incredibly fortunate that everyone close to me lived through the incident, but I am still deeply saddened by this tragedy. My utmost concern is for everyone who has lost a loved one from this terrible crime, and I hope for swift action to punish those responsible for these incidents. I hope that this tragedy will bring those affected the time to show their love for each other and their appreciation of the value of human life.

Beth Robinson, Legislative Assistant: September 11, 2001 will live forever in American history as a day of infamy. Yesterday our country was victimized. New York City and the Pentagon were transformed into scenes from a war movie, and the United States witnessed events of a magnitude never before seen in our country. While our country was slowed yesterday by these inexcusable attacks, we were not stopped. As Congress convenes today, we demonstrate to our nation and to the world that we will come together as we condemn the perpetrators of these heinous acts. From Los Angeles to Washington, DC, from Miami to New York, business in the United States is not usual. We will go on. We will survive. Today, as we begin another chapter of America's history, we want to remember lives lost in yesterday's tragedy. Let our hearts be with their families and friends, and let our minds be on rebuilding our country. Scott Stark, Special Assistant: Broke buildings and shattered lives cannot shake the foundation of America. We are stronger than any act of terrorism and greater than any sneak attack could ever be. We cannot and will not be intimidated by terrorists. Indeed, we will continue to stand tall as a shining beacon of freedom through the world. Our government is still running, our American leadership is united and committed, and our resolution is only strengthened by these tragic events. Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, America suffered the most heinous acts of violence and cowardice in her history yesterday, and it is with both a heavy heart and a strong will that I address this what is the Congres. 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 are not 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 condition of September 11th will be safe from injustice. No act of violence, no knives or sharp razors, can sever them. We will not be intimidated by cowards.

We will remain committed until those responsible learn the steep cost of taking innocent American lives—on American soil. The flame 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.

For now, we must go on with our daily lives because to do otherwise would be giving in to the evil behind these events. In our schools and offices, in our neighborhoods and church, we must begin the healing process. I urge my fellow Americans to donate blood, to volunteer, and offer their prayers and assistance of help to those in need.

And as America recovers, we will also pursue our attackers and fight on. Mr. Speaker, the war will be long and hard, but we will be the most cowardly, and most wicked enemy we have 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. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the nation witnessed an evil, unspeakable act by an evil, despicable, and cowardly enemy. The terrorists who perpetrated these atrocities upon the United States, killing perhaps thousands of innocent people, shall have no place to hide. I am confident that this Congress will support whatever action the President and his national-security team deem necessary to allow our military and law-enforcement officials to bring these terrorists to justice.

By now, we are all aware of the scope of this national tragedy. In light of this, we have pulled together as a country, demonstrating our resolve to the world that such actions against this nation will not stand. The people of Indiana have joined their fellow Americans, and indeed men and women of goodwill from around the world, to pray for peace, calm, and justice. Our hearts go out to the victims, justice. God bless America.

Ms. PRYOR 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, the courage of heroism, 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 stories will 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 unsteady, but our unity is emboldened. Our bonds of liberty, our bonds of freedom, our bonds of democracy are stronger and run deeper than any in the history of this country and this monument. No act of violence, no knives or sharpened razors, can sever them. We will not be intimidated by cowards.

Congress and the President must now work together in a bipartisan fashion to make sure
that our nation has the resources it needs to overcome this tragedy, and to bring those responsible for these terrible crimes to justice.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to express my condolences to the families of all the victims of yesterday’s terrorist attacks that occurred in the World Trade Center, destroyed our Pentagon, destroyed four aircraft and claimed thousands of lives shall not divide us. This is one of the worst tragedies for the world community. The attempt of the actors on yesterday was to strike a blow to democracy and freedom. It has succeeded. We as a world community must unite and condemn terrorism wherever and whenever it occurs. The world community has a responsibility to promote peace and encourage diplomacy. We also have a responsibility to bring to justice those responsible for terrorist acts.

On behalf of all my constituents I want to commend the action of all the rescue workers, volunteers, hospital personnel and others who triumph over tragedy by their actions. Rescue workers who did their jobs under extraordinary conditions and sacrifices shall not be forgotten. The thousands of people who have lost their lives or been injured shall not be forgotten, overlooked.

I stand with President Bush and my colleagues in condemning this atrocious act of terror. I urge my colleagues to bring to justice those involved in yesterday’s despicable terrorist attacks. Finally, I urge that we work to make sure that communities and agencies have the resources to prevent such atrocities from occurring in the future.

God bless America.

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution. No words can express the sorrow and outrage we all feel in the wake of yesterday’s catastrophic events. The lives of countless Americans were forever shattered by the most barbaric act of terrorism ever committed against the United States. My prayers and profound sympathy go to the victims, family, and friends of those affected in yesterday’s tragedy. In a very real way, all Americans and all people who believe in freedom were implicated in these atrocities.

There is absolutely no doubt that those guilty of this vicious and devastating attack will be hunted down and brought to justice. Any nations or individuals harboring or assisting them in any way will be considered equally guilty of these crimes. It is also certain that our nation will now embark on a relentless and unprecedented worldwide campaign to root out terrorism and those who sponsor its vicious and craven tactics.

This national nightmare will irrevocably alter how we view our nation’s security. Nevertheless, and though our national psyche is imprinted forever with these devastating symbols of hatred, the madmen who perpetrated this act made a terrible and irreversible mistake. Ultimately, this act of violence will not weaken America, it will strengthen our dedication to democracy and freedom. Our commitment to keeping all Americans safe and free. We will reaffirm our Nation’s fundamental values, and we will be stronger than ever.

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day of grief and mourning to offer my condolences and prayers to all those who lost loved ones during yesterday’s heinous and cowardly attack. Our nation stands with you, committed and resolute. Our prayers and hearts are also with the brave men and women of law enforcement and fire rescue. These heroic and fearless professionals have made America proud. We owe you our gratitude and thanks, and we will be forever grateful to you for what you have done.

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 Commemoration and Support Brandon. Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland and 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.

Today and in the days to come, 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 to perpetuate a barbarous act of war against the world’s preeminent symbols of democracy, a free market economy, and its military defense. We must equally be united and vigilant in our resolve to protect and preserve the rights en-dowed upon us by our Creator.

We must reaffirm the purpose of our government 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 establish 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 today’s 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 challenge to freedom while honoring our Constitution and preserving the rights it guarantees for ourselves, our children, and our children’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 nation 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 countries in the wake of this horrific act of war. We are resolved to bring those responsible for this terror to justice—swiftly and surely—and make it 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 declaration of war in response, once we find out who planned, executed, and enabled yesterday’s terrorist strikes. In this, we stand ready to support our President as the Commander 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 searching 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. HOBSO. 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 yesterday’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 now seen 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-dom, we are always going to be susceptible. This heinous act will undoubtedly gain a new urgency to reduce the risks we face from ter-rorism.

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 struck 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 have perpetrated this obscenity upon us.

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
thoughts and prayers are with those who have been affected by these attacks and their families. I would ask for all Americans to continue to pray for our nation in the difficult days ahead.

Mr. PELED. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with a heavy heart to express my deepest sorrow for the victims and the victims’ families of yesterday’s tragedy. Although I know that it offers little solace, I hope that the families of those maimed and murdered in this tragedy know that the prayers and thoughts of our entire nation 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 faceless enemy.

There is an old saying: you can run, but you can’t hide! To those responsible for yesterday’s atrocities—we will hunt you down and the punishment will be swift and severe.

Throughout her history, America has always been resilient. As Ronald Reagan often said, “America’s 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 Americans. This strength is what made our nation great—and what will ensure America’s continued greatness. The efforts of the first responders in New York and Washington have been nothing short of heroic. I have said time and 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 prayer are extended to the heroes 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 grieve with words, tomorrow we will respond with actions! I urge my colleagues to support the resolution of condemnation.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday America suffered a cowardly attack upon freedom itself.

Today, our first responsibility must be to tend 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 prayers are with Liz and all of the families who grieve today.

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 effort to track down all those responsible and ensure they face justice.

These attacks were an act of war, not a crime, and should be met with a swift and overwhelming 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 should fear us. America’s reach is long, our memory is longer and our resolve is unshakeable. Our fury will be clenched in an iron fist that will crush this world of evil in a swift and terrible blow.

All Americans must stand united with our President in condemnation of these unspeakable acts. Our strength is not in our buildings and symbols but in our people and principles. Let us join our President of national sorrow, 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 attack. Today, we cannot fully understand or explain 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 provide persons and nations to reach out and stand together—united to bring an end to terrorism in the world. This may not be easily accomplished, 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. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I am strongly urging 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, along with all Americans, 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 protect ourselves, and we, as leaders, must critically review how we can secure our resources to defend this nation from terrorist attack.

In the meantime, our nation stands resolute in the face of this crisis. We are confident in the foundations of our democracy and united through our strength of spirit, which has withstood civil war, world war, the Cold War and encountered acts of discrimination and prejudice in our journey to becoming the strongest, most powerful, freedom-loving country in the world. No despicable act of terrorism can diminish this spirit or take it away.

Mrs. McCArTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday’s horrific and cowardly display of terrorism against the United States has left the country in a state of mourning for the loss of loved ones. This unprovoked and barbaric attack against democratic beliefs must not go unpunished. To test the resolve of the United States, one must be prepared to encounter a proud and unified citizenry whose love for this country will never be diminished by acts of terrorism.

This cowardly acts of violence against the World Trade Center in New York and Pentagon in Washington, D.C. unite the country in sorrow. My condolences and prayers go out to the families, many of which reside in my district, for the loss of their loved ones. To those people, let me say I’ve witnessed firsthand how individuals come together in a moment of crisis, and I can assure you the country will be there for you in your time of need.

As yesterday’s horrific events unfolded, I watched brave firefighters, law enforcement personnel, and rescue personnel risk their lives to save others. I watched hospitals prepare for the wounded and our armed forces go on high alert. I watched a stricken nation respond by rushing to donate blood and volunteer their time to help the injured. These are acts of heroism and bravery that no barbaric act of violence can penetrate.

Make no mistake, there is no honor in terrorism. It is the ultimate form of cowardice that may shake a nation, but never tear down the resolve of a proud country dedicated to the pursuit of freedom. This Congress is unified behind our President who will guide our country through this tragedy and hunt down those responsible for these inconceivable acts of violence against the United States.

Let this resolution not signify the beginning our healing, but also our resolve to capture those responsible. We will find you, and justice will be administered.

God bless America.

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we all witnessed in shock and disbelief the most heinous act of terrorism 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.

My deepest sympathies go to those who yesterday lost their loved ones in Washington and New York. May God Almighty give them peace and comfort throughout their lives.

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. MATSUl. Mr. Speaker, I rise in complete unity with my colleagues in this great body to condemn the most horrific acts of terrorism in our nation’s history.

Our country mourns together today for the victims of yesterday’s brutal, cowardly attacks and our thoughts and prayers are with them 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 capitol was a deliberate Act of War against the United States of America. It was an assault on the freedoms of people worldwide. When the hijackers steered our civilian airliners into the World Trade Center and the Department of Defense, they not only targeted America's financial and military centers, they attacked our culture and our way of life.

Since our founding, America has served as a symbol of freedom and stands today as the world's greatest, most enduring democracy. While our democratic principles may make us a target for those fearful of freedom, they also bond and unite us in the face of adversity. This tragedy will only make our great nation stronger in rebuilding from the rubble. There shall be no doubt that justice will find all of the cowardly murderers who are in any way responsible or connected with these atrocious acts.

This Congress and this government will work with relentless resolve to bring the full resources 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 steadfast dedication with my colleagues and with the President in avenging these unspeakable acts.

May God bless America.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it took only a matter of minutes to forever change our nation. The worst fears of a free society have come true, and we will live with both the physical as well as the emotional scars from this tragedy for years to come.

Today is a day for rescue, grieving and investigation. We must do everything within our power to help the rescue efforts in New York City and at the Pentagon and to extend a compassionate hand to the victims' families. The victims include not only the thousands who responded to save lives only to become victims themselves.

As a nation, we took immediate steps yesterday to limit the scope of devastation: we sealed off airspace, closed federal buildings and heightened security across the country. Today we continue to safeguard against the residual threats posed by these horrific events. Yet, a nation whose people are truly free to travel and communicate will always be vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

We need to investigate all the facts of yesterday's events so we can determine who is responsible for this insidious action and respond accordingly. As federal agencies and other government offices work together, we can begin to match questions with answers. We must make every effort to prevent this type of tragedy from occurring again.

I have every faith that in this time of crisis and mourning, the world will see that the American spirit of resilience remains undeterred. Yesterday our nation came together as a united family. Today, that bond remains stronger than ever. My heart and prayer are with the injured, the victims, and all their families.

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.

America was the victim 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. 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 peaceful way of life has been forever changed. My thoughts and prayers are with those injured, the families of the many 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 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 resolve has been put to the test like no other time in living memory. We must respond to these terrible acts of cowardice and strength 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. 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 World Trade Center and the Pentagon being attacked by hijacked airplanes. We will not rest until the criminals who committed these 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 strengths—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 of dust and debris. America's credit 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 Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, and plan to work with them to assure consumers, savers, and investors that our systems and our financial system will 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.

Everyone agrees that this cannot happen 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 our intelligence communities need the 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 terrorist communications in the wireless 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.

Sadly, we also must make sure that our communities are adequately prepared to respond to terrorist acts. Think about the crushing demand being placed on law enforcement agencies 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 dangerous incidents. We need to safeguard America 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 make 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 incident. We 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 grieve for their loss. We must be prepared 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. Consequently they can create uncertainty, fear, and even panic out of proportion to the threat that they actually present.

We must work to protect our people from terrorist attacks. A primary 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 achievements of which our nation and our first thoughts after leaping to unjustified conclusions or to address them. It is essential that we not unthinkingly accept the idea that most terrorists are behind this attack, we should not attack or discriminate against Muslims or Arab-Americans. By no means are most or even many Muslims and Arab-Americans terrorists. 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 to achieve their aims. 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 is small, and that their resources are limited. We must also remember that the 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 unexpectedly safe; while several 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 defeated such threats in the past. The threats posed by the Axis in World War II and by nuclear weapons during the Cold War were 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.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me reiterate my belief that our great nation will prevail in this difficult but unavoidable struggle.

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 tragedy like no other event in American history, and our national will has been seared by images of death and destruction. Our hearts and prayers are with the families of those who have been lost. We have been hit at our hearts and we mourn our national loss. Today, we put politics aside and focus on our principles and our policy. We are not Republicans or Democrats, we are Americans, speaking with one united voice against this terror that has been perpetrated against us.

I commend President Bush and the administration for their steady and unwavering leadership in this crisis and Gov. Pataki, Mayor Giuliani, DC Mayor Anthony Williams, and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge and all the people who have answered the call of duty to respond in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. America's first responders are our first line of defense and these professionals deserve our gratitude and praise for the work they are doing.

However, today it is pointedly clear that we continue to live in a dangerous world with very real threats to our nation. There are still terrorists who seek to destroy our country, chemical, biological, and nuclear demons still hover, and enemies of freedom and democracy still persist.

Terrorists are becoming more and more sophisticated and we have been warned that terrorists acts against us are inevitable. The United States has been tested. But our enemies have been deceived. We are firmly resolved to find the perpetrators and punish those involved in any way in these despicable acts. Our determination is firm, our reach is long, and our nation is united. This assault on our families and our values and our Nation will not stand. It is important now that as we rebuild we also recognize the road ahead of us. Much work must be done to eliminate terrorist threats around the world and to protect our citizens at home and abroad.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Nation was attacked, an act of war that when all is told will have claimed thousands of American lives. It was a day of disbelief, shock, and horror. I offer my most heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the victims of this terrorist attack on our Nation and our people.

Today is a day of anger. The United States will not tolerate a direct attack on its citizens. The full force and will of our government will be dedicated to punishing the terrorists who are responsible, as well as those who harbor and protect them.

We know who the most likely individual is behind these acts, because he has acted before, killing Americans viciously and mercilessly. I strongly support our President in the effort to lead us in a swift, severe act of retaliation that will leave no question that America will not allow its citizens to live under the threat of terrorism.

Osama bin Laden is in the business of terrorism, backed by millions of dollars of personal wealth. We already know that he is responsible for a number of terrorist attacks that included the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 and the 1998 attack on the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania which killed over 200 people.

He has publicly declared war on the United States and stated that “America will face a black fate . . . . strikes will continue from everywhere, and Islamic groups will appear one after the other to fight American interests.” It is time for this threat to be eliminated. And if there is even the slightest possibility that someone else is responsible for yesterday’s attack, then we should eliminate that threat as well.

The debate has already begun about the shortcomings of the American intelligence—whether we should have known and been able to stop these horrific events before they occurred. It is true that America has in many ways become complacent about our security on our own shores.

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 benefit of investing in human skill to infiltrate the ranks ofwould-be terrorists. Humans infiltrated our security yesterday, not high technology. We must refocus on that lost component of our intelligence and security efforts.

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 powerful 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 our actions incorporate 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 act warrants.

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 American organization and 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
punch anyone who harbored them, and 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."

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of New Jersey). Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. J. Res. 22. 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.

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. 107-254) 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.

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 motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the previous order of the House, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. today out of respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Accordingly, at 10:09 a.m., on Thursday, September 13, 2001, (legislative day of Tuesday, September 11, 2001), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, 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 Requiring the Department to Pay—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); TRICARE Prime Enrollment—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—TRICARE, 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.

3578. 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 [Docket No. 010112013-1031-01 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—Correction of a Certificate of Naturalization; Spouses and Children of Lawful Permanent Residents [INS No. 2117-01; AG Order No. 2502-2001] (RIN: 1115-AG08) received September 10, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.
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. 2880. 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. ORTIZ, Mr. REYES, and Mr. SCHROCK): H.R. 2881. 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 spare 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.

By Mr. BRADY of Texas:

H. R. 2877. 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. ROLDEN:

H. R. 2878. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, 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.

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Additional Sponsors

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 15: Mr. NUSSELE, Mr. PENCE, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. COOKsey.

H.R. 19: Mr. GOODE, Mr. MCINNIS, 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. 2142: Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 2537: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2374: Mr. EMILY, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. KINGSTON, and Mr. MCINNIS.

H.R. 2492: Mr. MAY/MAY, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Mr. MCNULTY.

H.R. 2530: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 2623: Ms. PELSON and Mr. MCDERMOTT.

H.R. 2683: Mr. JENKINS, Mr. DUNCG, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 2688: Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H.R. 2693: Mr. TOWNS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HENCHY, Mr. KIRK, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 2708: Mr. SCHAFER.

H.R. 2709: Mr. HAYKORT.

H.R. 2714: Mr. CANNON, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. LINDER, and Mr. TOOMEY.

H.R. 2715: Mr. GIBBONS.

H.R. 2740: Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. GOODE, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 2917: Ms. HART and Ms. DELAUR.

H.R. 2966: Mr. HARMAN, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Ms. MILLINDER-MCDONALD, Mr. BLAGOEVIC, Mr. FROST, Mr. NORTON, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. BACA.

H.R. 2869: Mr. SANCY.

H. J. Res. 54: Mr. SCHAFER.

H. Con. Res. 119: Mr. WELDON of Florida.

H. Con. Res. 184: Mr. EMERSON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. RADACHOVICH, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina.

H. Con. Res. 188: Mr. CAPUANO.

H. Con. Res. 197: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. BARR of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 204: Mr. WOLF and Mr. ERSBZ.

H. Res. 229: Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. Klczeka, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. PILZER.
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 wear 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 heros 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 days 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, as 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 1997 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. Cubbage 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 “Firemen 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 LINDE
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. LINDE. 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 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. It 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 with my Colleagues information about an outstanding young woman in my district who demonstrates exemplary character and leadership skills in her Southwest Missouri school and community.

This exceptional young leader is Roberta Rader, or “Robbie” as everyone in Mount Vernon, Missouri knows her. In many ways she is just a typical teenager in her senior year at Mount Vernon High School. But at the same time, this typical teen is doing extraordinary things. Robbie’s efforts are 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-vedaledictorian 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 benefitted 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 SENSENBRENNER, JR.
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. 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 expediently 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 state and 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 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 theme known as “Dream Extreme.” Mr. Pritz, a teacher known for his infectious enthusiasm and ability to motivate, encouraged his students to learn by creating many different exciting activities. His 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 “Bridging 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 applied 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 appropriate plant life 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, faculty and students at West Hernando Middle School provided their students with a better understanding of environmental concepts. The students have enjoyed the hard work involved
with building and maintaining the avairy. 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 native plants and water consumption.

The imagination and determination of West Hernando Middle School has not stopped there. Students and faculty are currently working on a “Birds and Beyond” unit which involves students in plant and bird care as well as developing green spaces for the sale of young birds raised in the avairy. 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 encounter.

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 acai farming. A group of seventh graders is constructing a live coral reef and the eighth grade Voyager Team has designed and constructed a memorial garden. Seventh graders is constructing a live coral reef and the eighth grade Voyager Team has designed and constructed a memorial garden. A group of seventh graders is constructing a live coral reef and the eighth grade Voyager Team has designed and constructed a memorial garden. A group of seventh graders, 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 acai farming. A group of seventh graders is constructing a live coral reef and the eighth grade Voyager Team has designed and constructed a memorial garden. A group of seventh graders is constructing a live coral reef and the eighth grade Voyager Team has designed and constructed a memorial garden.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the imagination and determination of West Hernando Middle School for its exceptional efforts to connect students with important learning experiences. The results are evident. West Hernando Middle School students have shown a lower failure rate, lower retention rate and a lower drop-out rate. The percentage of students preparing for college has increased and the number of students testing college-ready has increased.

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 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 every plane he has taken off. 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 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 man who has been a role model for almost a century.

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 career in law enforcement 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. She also holds a lifetime Teaching Credential from San Jose State University and has taught classes at San Jose State University, 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 Administration 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 Batter Women. In 1990, she was named “Woman of the Year” by former Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin and honored for her outstanding 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 asset to the State of California and to our district. Though her commitment and dedication will sorely be 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” TAUSIN
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, August 2, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House 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. TAUSIN. 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, in the future, 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 Distin- guished Professor at the University of San Diego Law School, has reviewed the bill and concluded that the federal law is quite unlikely to contain these specific features, and state judges are unlikely to possess the authority to read them without legislative assent. Professor Alexander also states that the literal reading of the provisions of the bill appears to be an attempt to directly impose Federal conditions on state law without offering state governments a choice. Professor Alexander states such a reading would be a Constitutional problem.

Professor A.J. Bellia of Notre Dame Law School in a letter dated August 1, 2001 reviewed the Ganske-Dingell approach and stated: “... H.R. 2563 raises substantial constitutional issues. I anticipate, that if enacted, this approach ... is ... unconstitutional. Judge Dingell concludes: “... 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 rendered. Nor would they be able to recover costs incurred in the form of benefits paid due to the negligence of 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 rendered. Nor would they be able to recover costs incurred in the form of benefits paid due to the negligence of a treating physician or hospital.”

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Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, today, the men and women of the United States are facing a tragic loss. But in that adversity we see men, women, and children who possess an unbreakable, unwavering spirit and a commitment to preserving freedom and democracy, said Emerson. So, in a unified show of support, Congress is asking that for the next 30 days everyone, in every community across America, fly their American flags. Whether it is at home, work, in public buildings, schools, or places of worship, this is a symbolic gesture to remember those individuals who have been lost and to show the solidarity, resolve, and strength of the greatest nation on earth—the United States of America.

JOYCE MESKIS—A CHAMPION OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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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 defender 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 American who has dedicated herself to ensuring that intellectual freedom and opportunity continue to enrich our lives and the lives of our children. Her contributions have been well summarized in the words of Carol Edmonds Sullivan, a professor at the Colorado School of Mines who nominated Joyce for the National Intellectual Freedom Award: “Bookseller Joyce Meskis is nurturing democracy by providing 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 Carol Edmonds Sullivan

Confronted recently 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 that same day, in a letter to customers, Meskis makes this statement: “When you get served, or even threatened with a subpoena or search warrant, it’s pretty scary. Meskis and her bookstore, which she purchased in 1974, have consistently protected readers’ 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 basic rights. We make no mistake. It is just as much a censorial act to prevent an author signing because one doesn’t like the view of the author as it would be if the book were nailed 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 and childhood, which she says, “I read my way through the library.” One can readily picture her as Roald Dahl’s Matilda, particularly in the fourth grade when she declined to unambiguously (or de-ify) 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’ indefatigable efforts to protest actions that would muzzle intellectual freedom. When she was a student at the Littleton Public Library, a parent chastised her because Meskis recommended Margaret Mead’s “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.

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The resolution was: passing.
Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my frustration with the state of the budget.

As we all know, during August recess, the Congressional Budget Office announced that the federal government will tap $29 billion from the Medicare Trust Fund and $9 billion from the Social Security Trust Fund to pay for government operations in this year alone, and another $30 billion from Social Security and $170 billion from Medicare over the next five years. This grim scenario will occur without a single dime of additional spending, despite the ever-increasing need to fund critical priorities like defense and education. Nor will we be able to deliver on our promise of a comprehensive prescription drug benefit for Medicare without dipping into Social Security and Medicare. And perhaps worst of all, the long-awaited opportunity to finally pay down our national debt has been squandered.

The CBO estimates represent the most objective and accurate budget projections available. Today, these projections show that the Bush tax cut, which disproportionately favors the most affluent citizens, combined with the Bush tax cut, which disproportionately favors the most affluent citizens, combined with the 2001 tax cut, will push our national deficit to $1.7 trillion by 2006. As the President takes the field this evening, he must come to terms with the grim reality of our nation’s fiscal state.

The Bush Administration’s fiscal irresponsibility is not the answer. Let us find a better way.

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, the catfish industry is an integral part of the economy of my congressional district that covers all of south Arkansas. Thirty-six states either produce or process farm-raised catfish, with Arkansas being the third largest producer in the nation. The catfish farmers in my district and across America are being hurt by the unfair practice of ‘so-called’ catfish from Vietnam being dumped into our markets and sold as ‘farm-raised’ catfish.

Last year, imports of Vietnamese catfish totaled 7 million pounds, more than triple the 2 million pounds imported in 1999 and more than 12 times the 575,000 pounds imported in 1998. In Vietnam, these so-called catfish, also known as “basab,” can be produced at a much lower cost due to cheap labor and less stringent environmental regulations. In fact, many of these fish are grown in floating cages in the Mekong River, exposing the fish to pollutants and other conditions. They are then dumped into American markets and often marketed as farm-raised catfish.

Vietnam says they are taking the necessary steps to fix the problem of mislabeling and dumping. However, this problem is not new and has been discussed with Vietnam for several years. We have yet to see any results to show that they are truly addressing this issue. America is a country founded on the principles of fairness and good faith, but Vietnam must still prove that their actions are, indeed, in good faith. They must stop the dumping of this so-called catfish into America’s markets and allow our catfish farmers to have the level playing field that they deserve. Therefore, I do not support extending trade relations to Vietnam at this time.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. 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 universities in the country.

During her first year in office, CU has set records in private gift giving, federal research income and state capital 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 that she dreams of becoming. She never in her vision includes 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.

The glow of a 10-inch TV illuminates the darkened office of University of Colorado President Betsy Hoffman at 8:15 on a rainy Thursday morning. She’s trying to decide which of four informercials she’ll use to tout CU before 35 million football viewers.

As Hoffman enters her second year as CU’s president, she’s looking for a commercial that sets the tone for the CU she dreams of—a school that is among the top three public universities in the nation.

Hoffman’s first year was record-setting for CU in private gift-giving, federal research income and state capital construction funding. She’s worked to improve faculty salaries. She’s received bipartisan support in the legislature—a feat skeptics said a rookie president would struggle mightily to accomplish.

“There’s no way I could have ended up in a better place than here,” she says. “This is the luck of the draw and I came out on top. To be the president of CU is one of the greatest opportunities in this country.”

Every school in the Big 12 Conference gets a free 30-second spot to promote themselves during televised sporting events. Hoffman wanted something other than the usual students in labs with test tubes. So the informercial features a technical climber on a rock wall. A creek rushes below. The first version proudly brags of CU’s Fulbright and Rhodes scholars and Nobel Prize winner. Hoffman balks.

“We want to recruit students and their parents—not scholars—in this spot,” she says.

In one version Hoffman concludes by saying, “Come join us.” But when it was test-marketed on employees some complained that “it sounds like she’s asking you to join a cult,” an aide offers. “Oh, give me a break!” she says. It’s the first 10 minutes of an 11-hour day.

Vice presidents’ meeting, president’s office, seven people, including four vice presidents and the treasurer, gather around a conference table in Hoffman’s quaint cottage office in Boulder.

Hoffman runs a cordial meeting. She pokes fun at one person’s microscopic handwriting. “Students at the California Institute of Technology compete to see who can get an entire semester’s notes on this,” she says. “They write bigger than this.” She’s ribbing chief of staff J.D. Beaatty, one of a handful of her new recruits this year.

That light-hearted opening to Hoffman’s recent meeting, the 6-foot president doffed her high heels and
Holman keeps the meeting moving as talk turns to Gov. Bill Owens’ new panel to study regents’ education. It’s the third state-ordered study remapping Colorado’s higher-ed system in two years and Holman takes it very seriously.

“It’s very important that CU speaks in a single voice so the task force hears the same message from us,” Holman says.

At the end of her office is a mahogany desk. But she rarely uses it. Most of her work is done outside the office. A gold-plated plaque on the corner of the desk is etched with the names of all CU presidents since 1963, with the exception of CU’s 17th president, Judith Albino, who brought her own desk. “Not me,” Holman says. “I wanted my name on that plaque.”

A 3-foot replica of a $250 million check is displayed on top of a book case. It marks Hoffman’s crowning moment in her first year: the largest gift ever to a public university.

The gift from software entrepreneurs Bill and Claudia Coleman created a CU institute to help millions of Americans with cognitive disabilities.

Hoffman boldly asked the California couple, who are not CU alums, for the record gift, and it put CU in the national spotlight. In hindsight, she says, it was a risk. They could have taken their money somewhere else.

“You have to take risks to be excellent. If you take the safe route, you’ll remain mediocre,” Holman says. “I had done my homework. I knew Bill liked bold approaches. That’s his M.O. And I knew they had a desire to make a big impact.” Just before that, Hoffman had surprised everyone at a CU Foundation dinner when she and her husband announced they were donating $100,000 to CU. She’s the first president to make a six-figure donation, which represented more than a third of her first-year salary of $285,000. She received a three-tenths of one percent raise, bumping her salary to $327,750.

“I can’t ask anyone to make a significant contribution to this university unless I’ve done everything I can say I did at the time.

Rarely does she take a day off—and that includes weekends, her colleagues say. Most mornings she leaves the president’s residence in Boulder at 7-6 if she has a breakfast meeting in Denver. And she has a late-night event nearly every night. She had one evening off earlier in the week. She went grocery shopping in Denver. And she has a late-night event—

Hoffman will film a 15-second welcoming video splashed across the 96-foot-wide screen at the new Mile High stadium that was to be played during Saturday’s game against Colorado State. She’ll also film a 48-second piece for home games at Folsom. The filming must be done today rain or shine, so they’ve set up inside the athlete’s dining hall. “Her schedule is so full this has to be done now,” says Bob Nero, an assistant vice president who oversees Hoffman’s external relations.

Hoffman has a film wardrobe of black and gold hanging in the back seat of her Cadillac STS donated by a Boulder dealership. “I hope Rachel likes my outfit because I don’t feel like dragging all my clothes in,” she says.

Rachel Dee is a contract stylist hired to coordinate the president’s clothes, hair and makeup for the camera.

On Hoffman’s short ride to the stadium, a call is broadcast over her car phone. It’s CU’s director of federal relations, Tanya Mares Kelly, who splits time between Washington, D.C., and Denver. “I want to make sure you heard that Bush will make his stem-cell announcement today, I’m guessing you’ll be asked to comment,” Mares Kelly says.

Hoffman splashes into the dining hall ramp but not drenched. “Can you restore my image?” she asks as the stylist applies a pink beauty biv over her shoulders and dabs at a tray of makeup.

A 280-pound lineman fresh off of lunch comes over to coordinate his image. The president spies star running back Marcus Houston. “He better be fast because he’s not that big,” Hoffman says.

At the east end of her office is a mahogany bookcase throughout the season, followed by dinner after the game.

“We do that for schools like ours with a $1 billion or more,” she says.

During football games Hoffman splits her time hosting guests, visiting donors seated in the exclusive Flatirons Club, chatting with legislators, mingling with regents’ guests and doing radio in the third quarter. “And I would like to see the game,” she says. “It doesn’t happen that it like football.

Lunch in her office: Three catered salade nicoise costing $22.50 await the president and two guests. Hoffman talked excitedly about her plan to raise $1 billion for the nation’s top three public research universities.

“When people talk about Michigan, Wisconsin and Berkeley, they want them to talk about CU,” she says. “Colorado is an afterthought on the national scene. We need to be at the top. That’s realistic.”

“Absolutely,” says Gov. Owens. “Even if she fails we might have the fourth or fifth best research university in the country. You have to strive mightily. And she does.” What will it take for CU to be among the nation’s top three?

It will take each of CU’s four campuses in Denver, Colorado Springs, Boulder and the Health Sciences Center at Fitzsimons to be nationally ranked on their strengths, Holman says.

It will require CU to amass a $5 billion endowment by 2010 (its current endowment is $500 million) and $1 billion annually in feder-

State Sen. John Meadows asks the president if she would accept a stadium box on the 20-yard line. Presently the president’s box is on the 20, Hoffman says. “Ten years from now,” she says, “I want people to think of the CU Hospital like they think of the Mayo Clinic or Johns Hopkins.”

Speech writing: Hoffman will give five speeches in four days in Gunnison, Alamosa and Denver.

She doesn’t have jokes written into her speeches. “I don’t read jokes well,” she says. Instead she spontaneously spices her talks with personal anecdotes.

She’ll come off the trail ride near Keystone on Sunday to give a noon speech to a community group in Gunnison on Monday. That’s followed by three talks in Alamosa on Tuesday and Wednesday. She’ll be in Denver on Thursday to speak at the CU Denver convocation.

The three-day San Luis Valley trip is one in a series of rural Colorado “community tours” Hoffman initiated. When she became president she vowed to travel to 101 state lawmakers before the legislature convened in 2001. She came within three.

Still, some skeptics wondered how a rookie president could pull purse strings in the legislature.

“That she’s been a refreshing breath of fresh air,” says Berry, a member of the powerful Joint Budget Committee. “She has a very engaging personality and she’s worked very hard in the legislature.

While the rural tours are equal doses student recruitment and PR, Hoffman sees them as a higher plane of public service and being part of all the communities is ex-

On the tours she hosts “mini-colleges”—a leg of the top program such as anthropologist Dennis Van Gerven talking about mummies in the Nile Valley. “People can see what a student gets to experience,” Hoffman says. “It increases the myths about Boulder and the image of the ‘People’s Republic of Boulder.’”
Now it’s time to make her speeches sing with speechwriter Brad Bolander. “The introduction’s too long,” she says. She suggests condensing three paragraphs into one easy-to-understand sentence. “The talking points are too dense,” she says. “I’m not going to read all this. I want to keep it brief.”

As for her 10-year game plan—she can talk about that from the heart.

At a dinner party the other night, she was asked to elaborate extemporaneously on her vision after a couple glasses of wine. “I was afraid I would forget one of the points,” she says.

“It was one of your best speeches ever,” says husband Brian Binger, an adjunct economics professor, who has stopped in to the office to lend a hand with the speech writing. “Maybe you should always work that way.”

Hoffman’s the morning person in the family; Binger the night person. He often drives her home from late-night, out-of-town dinners while she sleeps. On the way to an engagement in Alamosa last spring, he drove while she did the taxes.

Binger and Hoffman will head to campus for the Economics Institute graduation dinner, where Hoffman will give the commencement address.

The institute is a 30-year-old summer-long program in Boulder to prepare non-U.S. citizens to go to business graduate schools in the U.S. For years it’s used a textbook co-authored by Hoffman and Binger. Graduates include former Mexican President Ernesto 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 better think I better forget one of the points,” 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. 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 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 it to be 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. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor an uncommon Colorado man. Mort Marks of Aurora, Colorado 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 him 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, and for that we are grateful. His love and dedication to Christian belief is an inspiration to all.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and celebrating a man who has touched the lives of hundreds, Father John Zdinak, on this very special day.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LA CLINICA DE LA RAZA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, La Clinica de La Raza, one of the largest community-based healthcare facilities in the East Bay, will celebrate 30 years of exemplary service to the residents of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties with an anniversary ceremony on September 13, 2001. Under the leadership of its CEO, Jane Garcia, La Clinica de La Raza’s innovative community-based health clinic philosophy has earned the healthcare provider a national reputation.

Community activists, healthcare professionals and volunteers established La Clinica in 1971. From its modest beginnings on Oakland’s Fruitvale Avenue, La Clinica has evolved into a $22 million multiple-service healthcare institution and is the sixth largest nonprofit employer in the East Bay.

The founders of La Clinica believed that quality healthcare should be available to all people regardless of their ability to pay. They also believe healthcare should be close to the community, controlled by the consumers who use them and services should be sensitive and culturally appropriate. Staff and volunteers provide services in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Thai, Arabic and other languages.

La Clinica’s success has made it a model healthcare facility. It is considered by many to be one of the best community-based clinics in the country serving low-income neighborhoods. With a staff of more than 300 individuals including 25 primary physicians, La Clinica de La Raza serves more than 13,000 families a year. Last year the clinic provided primary care visits to more than 100,000 East
Bay residents. It administers the largest prenatal and pediatric program of any community-based clinic in Alameda County and is the only licensed outpatient mental health clinic servicing the Spanish-speaking population of northern Alameda County.

As community needs have grown, La Clinica has grown to meet them. La Clinica’s comprehensive medical program now includes dental, eye and mental healthcare, as well as pharmacy and laboratory services, social services support, and a progressive program of health and nutritional education.

More than three decades ago, out of concern about the lack of healthcare access to the poor, La Clinica was established as a community-based free healthcare facility. 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, Alexandria, 2, and her son, Shenan, 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 against the perpetrators of this attack on our nation. I am glad to see that the federal government is back at work and that we have not become a government in exile. I hope that severe action will be taken within days, rather than weeks or months. I would prefer that the operation be immediate and successful, but I do not wish to see it be too hurried and botched.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our condolences to all of those affected by the events of yesterday, and in particular Sandy Bradshaw’s family and her many friends. Let it be known that this crime will not go unpunished, the terrorists will be found, and the most severe action will be taken against them. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we offer our hope that the Bradshaw family and all of us will make it through this difficult time.

IN MEMORY OF MR. JOE DARION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 11, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a man who inspired the American people with beautiful song, Mr. Joe Darion, lyricist of “Man of La Mancha.” Born in New York City in 1911, Mr. Darion worked throughout his life in every genre of music from popular songs to opera. Mr. Darion attended City College before serving his nation in World War II. In the early 1950’s he had three Top-10 hits; the Patti Page ballad “Changing Partners”, the Teresa Brewer novelty “Ricochet”, and Red Buttons’ comedy hit “The Ho Ho Song”.

Mr. Joe Darion is most known for his beautiful lyrics of “The Impossible Dream,” which quickly became one of the most beloved pop anthems of our time. “Man of La Mancha” opened in New York in 1956 and ran for an incredible 2,328 performances. In recognition of his heart-warming lyrics, Mr. Darion was rewarded a Tony Award for best score.

“The Impossible Dream” has affected thousands of people, young and old. His lyrics have inspired and touched countless Americans. His words dive deep into the human soul and character. His words, “To dream the impossible dream, To fight the unbeatable foe, to bear with unbearable sorrow, To run where the brave dare not go, To right the unrightable wrong, To love pure and chaste from afar, To try when your arms are too weary, To reach the unreachable star. This is my quest, To follow that star—— No matter how hopeless, no matter how far. To fight for the right. Without question or pause, To be willing to march into hell For a heavenly cause. And I know if I’ll only be true To this glorious quest 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.

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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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The House agreed to 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 as a result of these attacks.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 2877–2881; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61, and H. Con. Res. 223–224, were introduced.

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

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 (H. Rept. 107–204).

Recess: The House recessed at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened at 9:52 a.m.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 continuing the legislative day of Sept. 11, 2001.

Honorable John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia—Cancelation of Joint Meeting: The Speaker announced that the joint meeting scheduled for today to receive the Honorable John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, was canceled. The Speaker acknowledged the presence of Prime Minister Howard in the House Chamber and extended his appreciation for the solidarity of the Australians with the United States following the terrorist attack on the American people.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 (Legislative Day of Sept. 11, 2001) and reconvened at 2:53 p.m continuing the legislative day of Sept. 11, 2001.

Prayer Vigil in the Capitol Rotunda: The House agreed to 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 as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Terrorist Attacks Against the United States: The House passed 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 by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 338.

Pursuant to the earlier order, the House passed S.J. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001 and H.J. Res. 61 was laid on the table.

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to a unanimous consent order made earlier by the Majority Leader providing that following passage, 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.

Respect to the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks: Consistent with the language of the joint resolution, agreed that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned out of respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H5590. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 1:10 a.m on Thursday, Sept. 13 (Legislative Day of
Sept. 11, 2001), the House stands adjourned out of respect to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

**Committee Meetings**

**INTERNET TAX FAIRNESS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on H.R. 2526, Internet Tax Fairness Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**


**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to a special rule reported on the legislative day of Thursday, September 13, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**House**

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1913, to require the valuation of non-tribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and other National Ocean Service programs, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up H.R. 1985, Western Water Enhancement Security Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Update on the Status of the STARS Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.
Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 13

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, anti-terrorism initiatives, and assistance in the recovery from the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.

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