

as a result of this evil, we're assessing ourselves. We're taking a good look at values that matter. America is on the verge of ushering in a new culture, one that says, "I'm responsible for the decisions I make in life," a culture that recognizes there's something—a culture that recognizes serving something greater than yourself is a noble culture.

Flight 93 helped define what I'm talking about. Young men and a lady on an airplane knew they were in danger. They were on their cell phones. They told their wives they loved them. They said a prayer, and they sacrificed for something greater than

themselves. That's the America the world is beginning to see. That's the America I have the honor of leading. It is such a privilege to be your President. It is such a privilege to be the President of the greatest nation on the face of the Earth.

May God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:34 p.m. in the King Charles Ballroom at the Don CeSar Beach Resort and Spa. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida; Mayor Rick Baker of St. Petersburg; and Usama bin Laden, leader of the Al Qaida terrorist organization.

Statement on Senator Fred Thompson's Decision Not To Seek Reelection *March 8, 2002*

Senator Fred Thompson has served the people of Tennessee with honor, distinction, and class. He has worked tirelessly for Tennessee's interests, as well as for the

national interest. While I will miss Fred's service in the Senate, I wish him all the best and will always call him a friend.

Remarks on Signing the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 *March 9, 2002*

Good morning. I'm speaking to you live from the Rose Garden, where I'm about to sign legislation that will give short-term help to workers who have lost their jobs and provides long-term stimulus to create more jobs across our country.

I want to thank the Vice President. I want to thank Speaker Hastert, Senator Daschle, Senator Lott, Members of the Congress for joining me today as I sign this important piece of legislation. Many contributed to the success of this bill, but none more than the Speaker, and Chairman Bill Thomas.

Also here today are working men and women, small-business people who make this economy run. We're seeing some en-

couraging signs in the economy, but we can't stand by and simply hope for continued recovery. We must work for it. We must make sure that our recovery continues and gains momentum. We want a recovery that is broad enough and strong enough to provide jobs for all our citizens.

The terrorist attacks of September the 11th were also an attack on our economy, and a lot of people lost their jobs. Since then, many laid-off workers have been relying on unemployment benefits, which normally end after 26 weeks. The bill I sign this morning will allow the extension of jobless benefits by another 13 weeks, and even longer in States with high unemployment rates. This will allow those who lost their