

do the same by corrupting a noble religion. Our President has been right to see the similarity—and to say that the fault, the evil is the same. It is the will to power, the urge to dominion over others, to the point of oppressing them, even to taking thousands of innocent lives—or more. And that this oppression makes the terrorist a believer—not in the theology of God, but the theology of self—and in the whispered words of temptation: “Ye shall be as Gods.”

In targeting this place, then, and those who worked here, the attackers, the evildoers correctly sensed that the opposite of all they were, and stood for, resided here.

Those who worked here—those who on Sept. 11 died here—whether civilians or in uniform—side by side they sought not to rule, but to serve. They sought not to oppress, but to liberate. They worked not to take lives, but to protect them. And they tried not to preempt God, but see to it His creatures lived as He intended—in the light and dignity of human freedom.

Our first task then is to remember the fallen as they were—as they would have wanted to be remembered—living in freedom, blessed by it, proud of it and willing—like so many others before them, and like so many today, to die for it.

And to remember them as believers in the heroic ideal for which this nation stands and for which this building exists—the ideal of service to country and to others.

Beyond all this, their deaths remind us of a new kind of evil, the evil of a threat and menace to which this nation and the world has now fully awakened, because of them.

In causing this awakening, then, the terrorists have assured their own destruction. And those we mourn today, have, in the moment of their death, assured their own triumph over hate and fear. For out of this act of terror—and the awakening it brings—here and across the globe—will surely come a victory over terrorism. A victory that one day may save millions from the harm of weapons of mass destruction. And this victory—their victory—we pledge today.

But it we gather here to remember them—we are also here to console those who shared their lives, those who loved them. And yet, the irony is that those whom we have come to console have given us the best of all consolations, by reminding us not only of the meaning of the deaths, but of the lives of their loved ones.

“He was a hero long before the eleventh of September,” said a friend of one of those we have lost—“a hero every single day, a hero to his family, to his friends and to his professional peers.”

A veteran of the Gulf War—hardworking, who showed up at the Pentagon at 3:30 in the morning, and then headed home in the afternoon to be with his children—all of whom he loved dearly, but one of whom he gave very special care, because she needs very special care and love.

About him and those who served with him, his wife said: “It’s not just when a plane hits their building. They are heroes every day.”

“Heroes every day.” We are here to affirm that. And to do this on behalf of America. And also to say to those who mourn, who have lost loved ones: Know that the heart of America is here today, and that it speaks to each one of you words of sympathy, consolation, compassion and love. All the love that the heart of America—and a great heart it is—can muster.

Watching and listening today, Americans everywhere are saying: I wish I could be there to tell them how sorry we are, how much we grieve for them. And to tell them too, how thankful we are for those they loved, and that we will remember them, and recall always the meaning of their deaths and their lives.

A Marine chaplain, in trying to explain why there could be no human explanation for a tragedy such as this, said once: “You would think it would break the heart of God.”

We stand today in the midst of tragedy—the mystery of tragedy. Yet a mystery that is part of that larger awe and wonder that causes us to bow our heads in faith and say of those we mourn, those we have lost, the words of scripture: “Lord now let Thy servants go in peace, Thy word has been fulfilled.”

To the families and friends of our fallen colleagues and comrades we extend today our deepest sympathy and condolences—and those of the American people.

We pray that God will give some share of the peace that now belongs to those we lost, to those who knew and loved them in this life.

But as we grieve together we are also thankful—thankful for their lives, thankful for the time we had with them. And proud too—as proud as they were—that they lived their lives as Americans.

We are mindful too—and resolute that their deaths, like their lives, shall have meaning. And that the birthright of human freedom—a birthright that was theirs as Americans and for which they died—will always be ours and our children’s. And through our efforts and example, one day, the birthright of every man, woman, and child on earth.

PENTAGON MEMORIAL SERVICE

REMARKS BY GENERAL RICHARD B. MYERS,
USAF, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF
STAFF

Ladies and gentlemen, Today we remember family members, friends, and colleagues lost in the barbaric attack on the Pentagon—civilian and military Pentagon employees, the contractors who support us, and the passenger and crew of Flight 77. We also grieve with the rest of America and the world for those killed in New York City and Pennsylvania. We gather to comfort each other and to honor the dead.

Our DOD colleagues working in the Pentagon that day would insist that they were only doing their jobs. But we know better. We know, and they knew, that they were serving their country. And suddenly, on 11 September they were called to make the ultimate sacrifice. For that, we call them heroes.

We honor the heroism of defending our Nation. We honor the heroism of taking an oath to support the Constitution. We honor the heroism of standing ready to serve the greater good of our society.

That same heroism was on display at the Pentagon in the aftermath of the attack. Coworkers, firefighters, police officers, medics—even private citizens driving past on the highway—all rushed to help and put themselves in grave danger to rescue survivors and treat the injured.

One of them, who I had a chance to meet recently, was Army Sergeant Adis Goodwill, a young emergency medical technician. She drove the first ambulance from Walter Reed Army Hospital to arrive at the scene.

Sergeant Goodwill spent long hours treating the wounded—simply doing her duty—all the while not knowing, and worrying about, the fate of her sister, Lia, who worked in the World Trade Center. She would eventually learn that Lia was OK.

Prior to 11 September, Sergeant Goodwill hadn’t decided whether to reenlist in the Army or not. After the tragic events of that day, her course was clear. And three weeks ago, I had the privilege of reenlisting her. With tears of pride in their eyes, her family, including her sister Lia, watched her take

the oath of office. Sergeant Goodwill is with us today.

The heroes kept coming in the days following the 11th—individual volunteers, both civilian and military; firefighters; police officers; and civil and military rescue units working on the site. Other Americans helped too, as General Van Alstyne said, with donations of equipment, supplies, and food; letters and posters from school children; and American flags everywhere.

Today, we mourn our losses, but we should also celebrate the spirit of the heroes of 11 September, both living and dead, and the heroic spirit that remains at the core of our great Nation. This is what our enemies do not understand. They can knock us off stride for a moment or two. But then, we will gather ourselves with an unmatched unity of purpose and will rise to defend the ideals that make this country a beacon of hope around the world.

In speaking of those ideals, John Quincy Adams once said, “I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to . . . support and defend these states; yet, through all the gloom I can see the rays of light and glory.” The light and glory of our ideals remain within our grasp. That’s what our heroes died for.

Some of them—the uniformed military members—made the commitment to fight for, and if necessary, to die for our country from the beginnings of their careers. Our civilian DOD employees had chosen to serve in a different way but are now bound to their uniformed comrades in the same sacrifice. Other victims, employees of contractors and the passengers and crew of the airliner, were innocents—casualties of a war not of their choosing.

But if by some miracle, we were able to ask all of them today whether a Nation and government such as ours is worth their sacrifices; if we were able to ask them today whether that light and glory is worth future sacrifices; the answer, surely, would be a resounding “yes.” The terrorists who perpetrated this violence should know that there are millions more American patriots who echo that resounding yes.

We who defend this Nation say to those who threaten us—here we stand—resolute in our allegiance to the Constitution; united in our service to the American people and the preservation of our way of life; undaunted in our devotion to duty and honor.

We remember the dead. We call them heroes, not because they died, but because they lived in service to the greater good. We know that’s small comfort to those who have lost family members and dear friends. To you, this tragedy is very personal, and our thoughts and our prayers are with you. We will never forget the sacrifices of your loved ones.

We ask God to bless and keep them. We pray for their families, and we also pray for wisdom and courage as we face the many challenges to come. And may God bless America.

TO HONOR MR. FRANK RIVERA
AND ALT INC. AS A RECIPIENT
OF THE NATIONAL MINORITY
SERVICE FIRM OF THE YEAR

SPEECH OF

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to draw attention to one of my constituents, Mr. Frank Rivera, and his business, ATL,

Inc., which recently was selected to receive the National Minority Service Firm of the Year Award by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency. Mr. Rivera was presented with this award in September during the 19th Annual National Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference.

Mr. Rivera, President and CEO of ATL, Inc., was selected to receive this honor because of his achievements and the role he has played to further the progress of minority business development. This award is a great honor, as Mr. Rivera competed with 32 nominees from nine states. He then was selected from a pool of regional winners from around the country for the National Minority Service Firm of the Year Award.

Minority Enterprise Development Week is an annual national celebration in recognition of the contributions made by minority businesses to the nation's economy. It is the largest federally-sponsored activity held on behalf of minority business development and attracts the participation of both public and private sector officials.

To give you some background on Mr. Rivera, he was born in 1944 in a small mining community of Globe, Arizona. The community at that time was segregated with the Caucasian land owners living on one side of town and the Hispanic mine workers living on the other side. Frank's father worked hard in the copper mines and the local utility company so Frank could have better opportunities for his life. The senior Mr. Rivera wanted the young Mr. Rivera to have career options and knew that only an excellent education could provide his son with the opportunities he never had. Mr. Rivera's mother, a homemaker, instilled his religious roots and an appreciation for his Hispanic culture into her son and gave him his religious roots.

In 1968, the young Mr. Rivera graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in construction management. He would then go on to amass experience working for various construction firms. In March 1988, Mr. Rivera accepted a position at ATL, Inc., overseeing material testing and inspection for a light rail project with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority. Upon completion of this assignment, Frank Rivera was offered the opportunity to purchase ATL, Inc. He marshaled his resources and in October of 1992, Frank and his partner David Hayes purchased ATL, Inc.

Mr. Rivera had a vision for ATL, Inc. He wanted to make it the best materials testing and geotechnical-engineering consultant in the state. Under his direction, he took the \$800,000 annual business and grew it into a multi-million dollar firm. ATL's annual sales now top \$4 million and will exceed \$5 million annually within the next two years. Since 1992, it has grown to employ 57 people and currently is seeking more qualified engineers and technicians.

In addition to the success he has experienced with ATL, Mr. Rivera has become a well-respected leader who has volunteered for numerous roles on various organizations. He is a Commissioner on the City of Phoenix Human Relations Commission and also Chairs its Business Development Committee. He is Chairman of the Associated Minority Contractors of America, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Chairs its Public Policy Com-

mittee. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Contractors of America and the Valley of the Sun YMCA. In addition, he is a member of the Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council, American Society of Professional Estimators, Society of American Military Engineers, American Welding Society, American Society for Non-destructive Testing and the Arizona State University Industry Advisory Council.

As you can tell Mr. Speaker, this award bestowed on Mr. Rivera and his company was earned through hard work and is well deserved. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Frank Rivera and ATL, Inc.

REPORT ON THE 2001 OTTAWA MEETING OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, as you know, this Member led the House delegation of 13 Members of the House of Representatives to the major annual meeting of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly held in Ottawa, Canada, during October 5–9, 2001. In addition, to the usual variety of important issues involving NATO and the national legislative bodies of the NATO-member countries and those of associate member countries of this Parliamentary Assembly, such as America's missile defense program, NATO involvement in the Balkans, NATO expansion plans, and the European Security and Defense Program, this meeting was understandably pre-occupied by the American war against terrorism after the tragic events of September 11th at the World Trade Center in New York City, at the Pentagon, and at the crash site of a hijacked airliner in a Pennsylvania field.

Clearly, the most important signal of international support for our war against terrorism was the unprecedented invocation of Article 5 of the NATO Treaty by the North Atlantic Council for the 19 member nations. It is a formal recognition by NATO that a foreign attack on the United States is regarded as an attack on all the NATO members and thus it puts in place the resources for collective action upon request. It was not surprising, therefore, that the degree of solidarity by all of the NATO members delegations and those of the Parliamentary Assembly observer countries and associate member nations, including the Russian Federation, was very positive. Indeed it was overwhelmingly apparent, with a sense of unity, commitment, and pledges and action on cooperation that were evident in every ideological or partisan element of the Parliamentary Assembly.

Our delegation went to Ottawa with the expressed purpose of assessing that solidarity; reinforcing it, if necessary; responding to inquiries; and expressing our gratitude to our NATO partners and especially to the host country of Canada for their solidarity with us in this war and assistance to us in the aftermath of the horrific terrorist attack. We, the House delegation, believed and are now even more convinced that, during this past weekend, when the House was not in active session, the

most important mission and place for us to be, when the House was not in session, was at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly meeting. As it turned out, this was undoubtedly one of the most poignant and important Assembly meetings in the 47 year history of this organization, which is the linchpin of parliamentary support for the most effective multilateral defense alliance in the history of the world.

Mr. Speaker, we were especially pleased that on your initiative you offered to come to address the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and deliver a written message from President George W. Bush. That initiative was rapidly and enthusiastically welcomed with a formal invitation. This is an exceedingly rare circumstance when the top elected leader of a NATO country, not the host country, addresses the Assembly. Thus we were very pleased and honored that you traveled on the weekend from your Illinois home to, a New York City event related to the recovery of that city, to Ottawa for your speech to the Plenary Session. There along with the addresses of Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien; Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, the Secretary General of NATO, and Ambassador Marc Grossman, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, you set the proper tone for the Assembly deliberations and the legislative and executive actions that will follow around NATO nations and other countries. The great response to your speech, to your meetings with the governmental leaders of Canada, and to your sincere expressions of gratitude to the Canadian people for their extraordinary support and outpouring of sympathy, condolences, and solidarity after the horrendous terrorist attack on America, were so obviously appreciated. Your presence helped us under-gird the sense of NATO and broader international support for the war against terrorism which our country will lead.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of all our colleagues, I am including a copy of your speech to the Parliamentary Assembly, the message of President Bush to the Delegates, and the statement of this Member, the Chairman of the U.S. House delegation, who was privileged to follow you to the podium to speak for the American delegation.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES J. DENNIS HASTERT TO THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, OCTOBER 9, 2001, OTTAWA, CANADA

Mr. President, thank you for allowing me to address this body today. It is a great honor for me and I thank you for this courtesy.

Mr. President, on September 11, 2001, a sworn enemy—an enemy that dares not confront us in the open—attacked us in the most cowardly fashion—by targeting innocent citizens. And make no mistake; it was not just an attack on America, it was an attack on all of us. It was an attack on the values of freedom and democracy that are embodied in each of the Parliaments represented in this Assembly.

This enemy operates in the shadows, hates with an unnatural passion, and practices political fanaticism that glorifies violent death and condemns innocent life.

These terrorists are cowards who flout international law and any standard of common decency. They hate freedom. But they also misunderstand something very fundamental. As my colleague the Minority Leader Mr. Gephardt said so clearly: and I quote "They think freedom is our vulnerability.—It is our strength."