

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 it leaves men and women of good will dumbfounded. These acts of war may have bloodied America, but America will remain unbowed.

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

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

As we mourn our dead and injured, we will prepare for war; a war that we did not seek, but one that we must 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 response at the time and place of its own choosing to the perpetrators and those that shield them.

A RESOLUTE AMERICA

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

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

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

And to those who would perpetrate these unthinkable crimes against innocent men, women, and children, we say to you, we will hunt you down like the animals that you are. You will find no refuge, no succor, no shelter from the storm that will come. Others have felt democracy is weak, and they have found, as our enemies today will find,

that there is nothing like the resolution of the American people.

God bless this country.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, from the 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, receive comfort and peace today. And may the entire Nation be entrusted to the merciful care of God as we move forward from a day that America will not forget.

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

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

America should follow the admonition of David to his son, Solomon: "Be strong and of good courage, and act."

From tragedy, unity; from unity, strength; and from strength, justice.

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

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AMERICA STANDS STRONG IN FACE OF TERRORISM

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers go out to those who mourn the horrific actions of cowardice that we experienced yesterday. We are up against an enemy this time that has committed an act of war; but it is an enemy that is not a country, it is a band of evil people that is trying to instill fear in America. We must do all we can to defeat this enemy, and we are all enlisted 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 destroying people's lives, and we are not going to let it work. But we also know that terrorism is systematic, and it is going to take a multifaceted approach in order to destroy terrorism and terrorists in the world.

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

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

AMERICA WILL PREVAIL WITH STRENGTH AND COURAGE

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

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

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

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

AMERICA MUST WAGE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

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

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

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

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

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

DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA PREVAILS NOW AND ALWAYS

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

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

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

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

AMERICANS STAND UNITED TO BRING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE

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

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

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

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

EMERGENCY WORKERS RESPOND WITH FOCUS, COMPASSION, DEDICATION, AND DETERMINATION

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

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

I thank God, though, for those emergency workers. Mr. Speaker, 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 act.

I support the President and his resolve to hunt down those who facilitated this act of war and bring them to