

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

justice. We will bring them to justice. We as Americans must remember that preservation of freedom is not easy. We are facing the toughest time in our history, but we will triumph.

CONGRESSIONAL CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AND ITS CITIZENS

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

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, let us pray for America. Let us stand behind our President and our leaders.

Mr. Speaker, being here on the floor today as a representative in Congress really humbles me. I am a very patriotic person. I was brought up with great respect and love for our country.

On December 7, 1941, I was a young student when I heard about the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, the feelings I felt then, frustration and helplessness, sadness for those whose lives were cut short, and for their spouses, their children and their families, anger against those despicable persons who would inflict such unspeakable pain and suffering on so many innocent and helpless people.

Mr. Speaker, I feel today just as I felt after Pearl Harbor. But this country is changing, Mr. Speaker; and I feel personally bound, as all of my colleagues do, to take action and to stem the flow of violence in this country and around the world. I feel more determined than ever to protect our democratic ideals. I have sympathy for the families of those who are sick and dying. Thanks to the brave firemen and law enforcement people. Thank God for America.

TODAY WE START ANEW

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

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as so many of my colleagues do here today, with a heart full of pain and sorrow, anger and frustration.

Today is a day that we start anew. We will find those who are responsible for this heinous act against our community, against our families, against our friends and our neighbors; and we will bring those to justice who are responsible for this. We will move through anyone who stands in our way to accomplish that goal.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

ANOTHER DAY OF INFAMY

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

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

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

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

To the rescue workers and New York's finest and bravest firemen and police officers who paid the ultimate price, we honor their commitment to punish those responsible. These heinous, targeted, coordinated acts of cowardice committed against innocent Americans was an attack on our Nation's economic and military strength. We will certainly not allow that to occur again.

IN MOURNING FOR FALLEN AMERICANS AND IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT BUSH, NATIONAL LEADERS, AND AMERICA'S RESOLVE TO OVERCOME TRAGEDY

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

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my personal welcome to Prime Minister Howard of Australia. I am sure the good people of Australia share with us this moment of tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend President Bush for his eloquent statement last night, before our Nation and the world, in the aftermath of the vicious terrorist attack that took the lives of thousands of innocent American citizens.

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 seriously 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 defend 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 unseen enemies. Cowards, terrorists, struck at the heart of our society, killing mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, indiscriminately in hopes of political gain.

We stand united in our resolve that their 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