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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, no 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 asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, my 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 been working around the clock.

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, in the last 24 hours I have heard a very powerful statement from thousands of Ameri-

cans, 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.

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

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 my home State, a patriotic State, 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 asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday our great Nation was attacked by terrorists whose aim is to violate what we cherish so greatly across this land: our freedom, our democracy, our hopes and dreams, our quality of life.

I would like to join my colleagues in expressing my sorrow for both the victims and families of those that were killed and injured during yesterday's cowardly attack.

This is a time for us to remember and express our gratitude to the policemen, firefighters, and emergency service personnel who have unselfishly sacrificed their lives.

Mr. Speaker, a tragedy happened in America, but America will rise and be stronger. God bless America. God bless this great people.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION

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

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, we have been flooded with words of condolence, but the time now is for action.

I call on the Taliban to hand over to us Osama bin Laden, if not for this act, for his previous acts of terrorism.

I call on Iran to stop supporting Hezbollah.

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

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 Russia, China, and North Korea to stop selling technology and weapons of mass destruction to countries that support terrorism.

Yesterday, the United States of America lost its innocence, but it gained a new will to eradicate the evil of terrorism from this globe.

TERRORIST ATTACK ON WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK

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

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, earlier in the 20th century, America was once referred to as a slumbering giant, and

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 and want appropriate 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 terror's perfect storm. 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 in the world 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 we as 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.

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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 necessary resources to both the people in New York and Washington, D.C. to aid in the recovery and assist 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, II, and 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 horrendous act 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.

Congress is united in its desire to do whatever it takes to assist the President in this effort. I also strongly support holding those who harbor these