

for the Palestinians had nothing to do with it.

Nor do I believe that a solution to the Middle East conflict will solve the problem of international terrorism. But I am convinced that, as difficult a problem as it is, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict must be solved if we are to make tangible progress against some of the breeding grounds of terrorism.

The same goes for our relations with the rest of the Arab world. In our single-minded zeal to secure a steady supply of Middle East oil to fuel our insatiable and growing demand for cheap gasoline, we have turned a blind eye to widespread repression by governments whose policies, including the systematic abuse of women, vary sharply from our own. We must take dramatic measures to reduce our wasteful consumption of oil and our dependence on these regimes.

At the same time that we combat terrorism around the world, we must also get our domestic house in order.

Over the last decade this country has put an enormous effort into counterterrorism. It has been a top priority of the FBI, the CIA and other agencies. Yet, all those resources and all that concentrated work failed to prevent this enormous tragedy. It is astounding how unprepared we were, how even the simplest safeguards were ignored, how many weaknesses were waiting for the terrorists to exploit. It was a massive failure of our defenses.

Let us look hard and honestly at where our defenses failed, and work to correct those weaknesses. We need to strengthen our intelligence agencies, law enforcement, border control, emergency response and all the manifold capabilities we will need to defend ourselves. That includes taking steps to eliminate the destructive competition between these agencies, which has impeded coordination and undermined their effectiveness.

We have worked with the Administration on legislation to support law enforcement and our intelligence community, while at the same time protecting our constitutional freedoms. As Benjamin Franklin said, "a people who would trade their liberty for security deserve neither." As we work to become more secure, we must also protect our liberty.

I am concerned about press reports of people held in custody for weeks, who have not been charged with any crime, being denied meaningful access to counsel. This, if true, may be a common practice in some countries, but it should not be the practice in ours.

I am also concerned about the erroneous assertion that the Congress has tied the CIA's hands by limiting its ability to recruit informants with unsavory backgrounds. There is no such law. In fact, the only constraint is the CIA's own internal guidelines, which require prior approval of senior management before recruiting such an asset. There are sound reasons for those guidelines, and the CIA leader-

ship has said repeatedly that this is not a problem.

Even more disturbing are claims that we need to change the "law" prohibiting assassinations of individuals involved in terrorism. Again, there is no such law. There is an Executive Order, first signed by President Ford and reaffirmed each year since then by every succeeding Administration that prohibits assassinations. No law, or executive order for that matter, protects Osama bin Laden or any other terrorist from the exercise of our legitimate right of self-defense, including use of lethal force.

A policy of pre-emptive assassinations would be morally repugnant, a violation of international law, and fraught with dangers for our own government, as well as for our allies. It is also ineffective, because it creates martyrs whose deaths become a terrorist's rallying cry for vengeance. And we have seen how easily foreign identities can be mistaken or stolen, with potentially irreversible, tragic consequences.

Our country has suffered a grievous loss. We have had to face our own vulnerability as never before. As we support the victims' families and set about to prevent future terrorist attacks, we should also rededicate ourselves to upholding the principles which set our nation apart: freedom, tolerance, diversity, respect for the rule of law, and the unique value of every individual. If our leaders appeal to these values—to the better angels of our human nature, not to the instincts of hate or fear or revenge—then this trial by fire will refine us, instead of coarsen us.

And let us go forward from this experience, which has shown in such a tragic way how connected we are to the rest of the world and how much we need the support of other countries, to provide stronger leadership not only to combat the scourge of international terrorism but other urgent global problems, and make this world a better and safer place for all.

#### UTAH TASK FORCE ONE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the Salt Lake Urban Search and Rescue Team, also called Utah Task Force One, UTTF-1. The outstanding men and women of the Task Force were called upon to serve their nation when 62 members made the grim trip to New York City on September 18, 2001, to search for survivors and bodies in the World Trade Center rubble. The Salt Lake County Fire Department, the Salt Lake City Fire Department, and the Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs made up this response force. UTTF-1 is one of only 28 task force teams nationwide participating in the National USAR, Urban Search and Rescue, Response System.

UTTF-1 deployed to New York with specialized firefighters, search dogs and handlers, two physicians and structural engineers. The team spent 9 days working 12-hour shifts in intolerable

conditions and under tremendous strain. They experienced things that would turn lesser men and women to despair. Yet these brave individuals soldiered on without complaint or regard for themselves. In essence, they got the job done.

We cannot even begin to imagine the tasks they were asked to perform, but we can give our humble thanks for their determination and courage. The frustration they shared in finding no one alive and the grief they felt as they recovered the bodies of many victims of the terrorist attack—including a New York City firefighter—are beyond words. They faced the incredible devastation and unspeakable smell with the character and composure of real heroes.

And we must not forget the families and friends of the task force members. They carried the burden of seeing their loved ones go into a situation that was not only physically dangerous but also emotionally unsettling. These families and friends were also the ones to welcome home the team and comfort them in the aftermath of what was a horrific and heartbreakingly experience.

Lastly, we give thanks to the rescue dogs who worked so hard and shared the same dangers and frustrations as their handlers. I believe a sign at a U.S. Public Health Service veterinary clinic serving the rescue dogs during the New York disaster said it best, "For man's best friend, who is fighting men's worst enemy. God bless you."

The members of Utah Task Force One reflect all that is great about America. They are strong; they are brave; and they are resilient. I take exceptional pride in submitting each one of their names to be recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for posterity. Mr. President, here are 62 American Patriots listed by rank, name, and department:

Battalion Chief, Stanley, Dennis, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Battalion Chief, Stroud, Roger, D., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Battalion Chief, Johnson, Jeff, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Assistant Chief, Collins, Scott, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Captain, Riley, Mike, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Deputy Chief, Littleford, Larry B., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Captain, Lund, Jens, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Firefighter, Harp, Michael W., Salt Lake City Fire Department; K-9 Handler, Hackmeister, Nancy, Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs; K-9 Handler, Richards, Dave, Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs; K-9 Handler, Flood, Mary, Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs; K-9 Handler, Perks, Dave, Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs; Firefighter, Case, R. Bryan, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Captain, Baldwin, J. Clair, Salt Lake City Fire Department; Captain, McBride, Scott, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Captain, Ulibarri, Mike, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Captain, Dixon, David H., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Firefighter, Russell, Wade, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Instructor, Shields, Jon, Utah Valley State College; Paramedic, Clark, Jeffrey A., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Tallon, Trevor J., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Silverthorne, Robert R., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Captain, Darger, Brent, Salt

Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, Schaugaard, Steven, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, Halligan, Steven Salt, Lake County Fire Department; Engineer, Russell, Ron, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Firefighter, Fox, Michael S., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Outzen, Craig, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Captain, De Journett, Charles, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Engineer, Cage, Chris, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, Harmer, Jacob, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, Bone, Merrill L., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Morell, Brad J., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Firefighter, Glagola, Nicholas P., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Vialpando, David T., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Black, Rick G., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Taylor, Matthew A., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Hambleton, Matt, Salt Lake City Fire Department; Captain, Pilcher, Robin, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Firefighter, Widdison, Anthony, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Doctor, Joyce, Stephen, University of Utah Medical Center; Doctor, Dixon, Lester, St. Marks Hospital; Captain, Cooper, Catherine, Salt Lake City Fire Department; Paramedic, Homen, Jack, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, DeGering, James, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, Tuttle, Dick L., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Battalion Chief, Bogle, Tom, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, Jensen, Michael L., Salt Lake County Fire Department; HazMat, Robinson, Zachary, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Paramedic, Greensides, Michael, Salt Lake County Fire Department; HazMat, Mecham, Clint, Salt Lake County Fire Department; HazMat, Wall, Ron, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Communications Technician, Garcia, Ted, Private Citizen; Communications Technician, Neal, Joel, Private Citizen; HazMat, Bevan, Keith, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Captain, Rice, Doug, Salt Lake County Fire Department; Firefighter, Gish, Daniel, Salt Lake City Fire Department; Firefighter, Endemano III, Edward W., Salt Lake City Fire Department; Captain, Haakenson, Roy Salt, Lake County Fire Department; Captain, Gaulke, Brian, Salt Lake City Fire Department; Contractor, McQuarry, Mel; and Contractor, Hansen, Ross.

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#### STACEY CALDWELL'S POEM

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, in a meeting today with America's Ambassador to Ireland, Richard Egan, the Ambassador gave me a poem written by an 11-year-old from Northern Ireland.

The poem addresses the horrendous attack on our Nation on September 11 and the shared fears of the American and Irish people. It is moving and eloquent tribute to the innocent victims of these atrocities, and I commend it to my colleagues.

I ask unanimous consent that the poem be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the poem was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### A DAY TO REMEMBER

(By Stacey Caldwell)

Tuesday 11th September 2001

Another day in New York has just begun  
Everyone's getting ready for work, no time  
to slow down

Mums, Dads and children all rushing around.  
But a long time ago a sinister deed was done  
For some terrible people, their plans had  
begun  
They plotted and schemed and organized  
Their crime  
Every detail discussed, right down to the  
date and time.  
America was the target to be  
No-one could predict what they were about  
to see  
Four planes had been hijacked, innocent peo-  
ple on board  
Their right to life had been totally ignored.  
The twin towers in New York, were the first  
to be hit  
The next was the Pentagon but it wasn't  
over yet  
Another plane was heading for Camp David  
But a small group of people tried in vain to  
save it  
Unfortunately they died in a field far away  
Never to wake and see another day.  
Reality sets in. . . . Thousands of bodies  
never to be found.  
I live in Northern Ireland and I'm eleven  
years old  
I have no idea what the future will hold  
Only a hope that peace is near  
We cannot live a life constantly faced with  
fear.  
Fear of attack, not knowing who's next  
Security stepped up because of the risk  
I cannot explain my words, my fear  
For my family, my future and the coming  
year.  
I trust in you that you'll do the right thing  
Just consider the consequences and what  
they might bring  
I'll never forget what I watched on T.V.  
Let's bring them to justice for the world to  
see.

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#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

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#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN ERICKSON

- Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, Bessie Anderson Stanley once wrote:

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

These words aptly describe our friend, John Erickson, former administrative assistant to the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and Director of Governmental Affairs for Ford Motor Company's Southeast Region. John died a few weeks ago at the age of 81, leaving behind a legacy that will long be remembered by those of us who knew him.

I first met John in 1975 at the beginning of my first of four terms as Lieutenant Governor of Georgia. John came by to see me and I immediately knew that he was a special person. Our friendship carried over to my terms as Governor and until his death in Winter Park, FL, on September 3.

John was a native of Roger, AR, where he began a political career that endeared him to U.S. Senators, Con-

gressmen, and Presidents, and to everyone who knew him.

His first experience in politics and public service began when he was a student at the University of Arkansas as Secretary to the late Congressman Clyde Ellis, who represented Arkansas' Third Congressional District. When Congressman John McClellan defeated Ellis for a seat in the U.S. Senate, John was asked to become secretary to Ellis' successor, J. William Fulbright.

When John accepted Fulbright's offer, it began a partnership that lasted for more than two decades. John Erickson engineered Fulbright's election to the U.S. Senate in a highly contested race that included former Senator and the first woman elected to serve in the Senate, Hattie Caraway. Also in the race was Arkansas' sitting Governor, Homer Atkins. Fulbright won the race, bringing national attention to both the new Senator and to the skills of John Erickson.

He served Senator Fulbright well and while building a reputation among his peers as a hard-working, politically savvy staff member whose devotion to his boss was exceeded only by his love for, and dedication to, his wife and family.

John had a wonderful family. He married his childhood sweetheart, Sara Louise Glenn, with whom he enjoyed 53 years of companionship before her death in 1998. John and Sara Lou are survived by their children: Gunnar Erickson and his wife, Barbara of Malibu, CA; Karen Erickson of Colorado Springs, CO; and Kristin Erickson and her husband, Jon Farmer, of Winter Park, FL.

In addition to his staff duties with Senator Fulbright, John provided political knowledge and skills to other candidates as well. In the national elections of 1952 and 1956, John took leave from Senator Fulbright's staff to work in the campaigns of Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic nominee for President. He was a valued member of Stevenson's staff, often traveling with the candidate while managing his office operation in Springfield, IL.

John joined Ford Motor Company in 1960 as civic and governmental affairs manager in Kansas City. While there, he served on the committee that planned the funeral services for former President Harry Truman. He moved to Atlanta in 1970 from where he worked with State and national officials on such issues as seat belt laws, highway safety and other legislative matters.

John Erickson's life and his death touched the lives of all of those with whom he was associated.

The poet Longfellow expressed it well when he wrote:

Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us,  
Footprints in the sands of time.  
Footprints, that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,