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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TIM JOHNSON, a Senator from the State of South Dakota.

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, on this day of remembrance and resolve, we praise You for the way You brought us through those dark hours of September 11 a year ago. You were our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. We relive the anxious memories of that infamous day of attacks of terrorism on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the airliner crashed in Pennsylvania. Today, as a Nation, we mourn for those who lost their lives as a result of these violent acts of treachery against our Nation. We deepen our ongoing intercession for their loved ones. Continue to comfort them, help them to endure the loneliness of grief, and grant them Your peace. Particularly, we pray for the families of the firefighters, police officers, and military personnel who died seeking to save others. Care for the thousands of children who lost a parent in these catastrophes.

When we turned over to You our anger, dismay, and grief, you gave us the courage to press on. Thank You for the strong, unified leadership of the President and this Senate in the aftermath of 9/11 and for the decisive engagement of the insidious enemy of terrorism throughout the world. May this be a day of renewed resolve to press on. Protect us from further attacks. Quiet our fears as we reaffirm our trust in You. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TIM JOHNSON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 11, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM JOHNSON, a Senator from the State of South Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. JOHNSON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be, as the Chair has announced, morning business basically all day. At noon, there will be a moment of silence in recognition of the events of September 11. Both leaders have asked that those

Senators who are here and have not gone home to their States try to be in the Chamber for the moment of silence. I hope all Senators will be here.

I also announce that the two leaders are going to speak prior to the noon moment of silence. The minority leader is going to speak at 20 till the hour, and the majority leader will speak at 10 till the hour.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we all have been touched by the events at the Pentagon this morning. As I walked in, there was a woman whom I do not know, but she is symbolic of the sacrifices that people have made. Her face had been burned very badly, she had no hands, and her arms had been burned. This is what the terrorist activity is all about.

This innocent woman, who never did anything to anyone, has been subjected to this physical torture. It goes without saying that she has gone through and will go through many skin grafts and other such procedures so that she can learn to use her prosthetic hands, which she does not have yet.

It used to be when a building was constructed, they had a ceremony, on every major construction, called the laying of the chief cornerstone. What does that mean? It means that the final stone in the foundation of that building will be laid.

Why did people celebrate that event? They celebrated because they knew if that building had a strong foundation, it would be fine.

In our life in America, that foundation, that chief cornerstone is the Constitution of the United States. That little document that people speak about in this Chamber—led by, more than anyone else, Senator BYRD—is the chief cornerstone of this great democracy.

As we are forced to remember these events of September 11—because it is

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easy not to put unpleasant thoughts in our minds—as we are forced to remember these events, and rightfully so, we have to remember that this country has a firm foundation because the chief cornerstone of the foundation of this country is our Constitution.

Today, of course, is the first anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on America. On this day we remember, as we will do every year on September 11, those tragic events that our Nation experienced on September 11, 2001.

What happened in New York, at the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania has left many of us—in fact, all of us—with memories and strong emotions. I know that Nevadans were deeply affected by the terrorist attacks in the aftermath, and I feel good about how people in Nevada have reacted.

We were hurt very badly. Our No. 1 business is tourism, and tourism took a terrible blow. But those business entrepreneurs, people who worked for those large corporations, and the people who worked for the small businesses recognized that time would solve the problems, that time would heal a lot of the tourism problems, and it has. We are not back to where we were, but we are OK. I am proud of how the people of the State of Nevada have reacted.

We also have had from the State of Nevada a pouring out of sympathy, comfort, and consolation for those who were killed and hurt. We lost a teacher in the terrorism attacks, a teacher at Palo Verde High School. We lost two soldiers who were killed in action. So we will always remember what happened.

As individuals and in private, we will often reflect on this national tragedy. We cannot confine our memories to a single day or be guided by the calendar, but September 11 will forever be the day that we collectively, as a nation, as a people, as America remember. We remember those whose lives were ended so suddenly and violently, not knowing what happened.

We remember the firefighters. We remember the police officers—the firefighters are New York's bravest, the police officers are New York's finest—and all other emergency and rescue workers who accepted the risks in rushing into burning buildings giving their lives, suffering physical and mental injury to help save the lives of people they did not know.

We remember the sacrifice, the selflessness, the heroism, and the courage of all of those who offered aid. We must remember those who survived and the thousands who did not. We must remember the parents, grandparents, children, sisters, brothers, wives, husbands, partners, and friends who have been robbed of not a weekend, not a week, not a month, not a year, but they have been robbed of their loved ones forever.

From the stories they have shared, we remember not only the deaths but the lives of their loved ones, remember

their loss, and their struggle to heal. We remember our personal losses, our pain, even our anger, and, of course, our tears.

We remember the shock of seeing massive metal towers collapse as if they were Erector Sets that our grandchildren constructed. We have seen these massive metal towers reduced to rubble. We all remember the fire and the smoke.

I will never forget leaving room 219, after Senator DASCHLE told us we had to evacuate the building, looking out the window and seeing the smoke billowing out of the Pentagon where we were this morning. We remember, though, the effort to rebuild the Pentagon. We remember the generosity and spirit of Americans coming together to offer kindness, money, compassion, and consolation. We remember the sympathy expressed by foreign governments. As the President expressed this morning, some 90 foreign governments—I think it was the President; maybe it was Secretary Rumsfeld—are helping us in our battle in Afghanistan.

We remember that individuals all over the world opened their arms and their hearts to America. We remember the gruesome images so vivid that they are etched in our minds, and we remember how the spirit of our Nation was awakened, how Americans demonstrated resilience and resolve. We remember how the country united to support the war on terrorism. We remember the soldiers who were killed as part of our military efforts in Afghanistan. We remember, and we must always remember, the firm foundation of our country. We are a country guided by the Constitution of the United States, which separates us from the rest of the world. That is why we have remained a strong, vibrant democracy for more than 200 years.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. ALLEN. I ask unanimous consent to speak on this matter for as much time as I may consume.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my thoughts on this very solemn day of remembrance as we all return from a magnificent ceremony at the Pentagon observing all that is strong and good and awesome about our country.

I thank the Senator from Nevada for his very poignant words of empathy, as well as his understanding of the foundations of our country. Nevada, as all States, was hit hard.

We saw the outpouring of compassion all over this country, and I will share some of those stories. I recall in August driving across a lonely two-lane road in South Dakota, which would eventually get to the Badlands. There was a big bale of hay on the side of the road which had painted on it the American flag. It showed the spirit of that farm. We did not see any people, but we

knew the sentiment of the folks who lived on that farm and in that region.

September 11, 9/11, just those words evoke sentiments and memories of where we were and what we did on that day of tragedy. As we remember those vile terrorist attacks of one year ago, for many of us the emotions and shock, the disbelief and horror that we experienced individually and as a people and a nation are still fresh. Those memories, however, continue to strengthen our resolve in the same way that our Nation was forged together after those vile attacks a year ago.

Today, we view our Nation in a fundamentally new light. We have a greater understanding of the freedoms we enjoy and how vital it is that they be guarded, preserved, and even fought for, if necessary. We have a greater appreciation for a country that respects people of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and religious beliefs. We have poured out our hearts and our assistance to those who were injured and the families of those who lost a dear one. We view firefighters, police officers, first responders, with much greater appreciation, whether they are the brave men and women of the battalions in New York City or northern Virginia or in communities large and small all across our United States of America. These men and women were transformed on that day into our heroes. We will forever remember the thousands of innocent men, women, and children who were killed at the World Trade Center and in a field in Somerset County, PA.

This Senator will remember the 184 patriots at the Pentagon and on American Airlines flight 77 who lost their lives on Virginia soil. It is indeed the heroes and the innocent patriotic victims we will remember the most. The images of flags raised, the solemn salute of rescuers to their fallen comrades, and people who were rushing into burning buildings on the verge of collapsing hoping to just save one more life.

They and the freedom-loving patriots across our great Nation stand in stark contrast to those who only know hate, destruction, and oppression.

We also see that in a time of trial, ordinary people of all walks of life perform with extraordinary courage and dignity. We remember people such as LTC Ted Anderson, who carried two of the injured from the burning Pentagon and reentered through a broken window to drag out two more, one whose clothes were on fire; 1SG Rick Keevill and Virginia State Troopers Mike Middleton and Myrlin Wimbish, who entered the Pentagon three separate times looking for victims; LCDR David Tarantino, who moved a pile of rubble enough to pull a man from the Pentagon just before the roof collapsed; other Pentagon heroes such as SSG Christopher Braman; LTC Victor Correa; SGT Roxane Cruz-Cortes; MAJ John Grote; LTC Robert Grunewald; COL Philip McNair; CPT Darrell Oliver; SP Michael Petrovich; SGM Tony

Rose; LTC Marilyn Wills; and CPT David Thomas.

The Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, mentioned a woman who I think was Mrs. Kurtz at the Pentagon. Mrs. Louise Kurtz, though severely burned herself, valiantly tended to the needs of others around her. I am introducing legislation that will change current law so that individuals—such as Mrs. Kurtz, and those in her situation—can contribute to her retirement and so they will be able to afford to return to work after a very lengthy period of recuperation.

We also remember people such as Barbara Olson, a passenger on flight 77 who had the presence of mind to call loved ones on the ground to alert them of the hijacking.

We remember CPT “Chic” Burlingame of flight 77 who died fighting off hijackers who commandeered his plane and who is now properly buried at Arlington National Cemetery. These people have all touched our lives.

In talking to Mr. Burlingame's brothers and sister and wife, I find it noteworthy that at the Arlington National Cemetery his grave is on the tour and people in the tradition of those of the Jewish faith will put rocks on his headstone. That is very touching to the family and shows the unity and appreciation of a grateful nation.

We also remember the survivors, survivors such as Stephen Push, whose wife Lisa Raines perished in the Pentagon and who has become a forceful and articulate spokesman for victims and families.

I will always remember, and thought of it last night while driving home, a young boy, a neighbor, a friend of my children whose name is Nick Jacoby. He lost his father on flight 77.

There are stories all over our communities and Nation. We also, of course, remember the quiet dignity of people such as Lisa Beamer who helped keep their loved ones very much alive for all of us. Her husband Todd, who said, “Let's roll,” led an uprising with several other patriots against the hijackers of flight 93 and saved hundreds, if not thousands, of lives at the Capitol and in the Washington, DC, area. Recent reports recognize their likely target was this building.

We will remember countless others whose courageous efforts saved lives and provided comfort. We will remember and we will thank them for their extraordinary, inspirational dignity and their character. We will also remember the construction workers, the hard-hat patriots of the Phoenix project who worked around the clock in their inspiring efforts to rebuild the Pentagon in plenty of time for employees to move in before the 1-year anniversary.

We will remember folks from a church that made quilts, the Christ Baptist Church from Prince William in Manassas, a magnificent quilt with the names of all who died. Also, we will remember the International House of

Pancakes in Bristol, VA, an IHOP owned by an American who came here from Lebanon. I asked him a few months later how his business was. He said right after the attacks, for a few weeks, there were hardly any customers. But then a Methodist Church in Bristol, on the Virginia-Tennessee line, brought up the situation, and everyone from that church on that Sunday went in with their families and filled up the IHOP. Since then, others were coming back. That is a sign of the decency and the care of communities across the Nation.

Five days ago, in New York City, I had the opportunity to speak to a group of 70 mothers who were pregnant last September 11, and who were made widows on that terrible day. It has been said that suffering makes kinsmen of us all. While those mothers no longer have the physical and emotional support of their husbands, and the fathers of their children, they are now a part of our greater American family. In those babies, all under 1 year, the spirit and blood of their fathers live on. We want the babies to grow up with the optimism of liberty and opportunity and hope that is the spirit of America. These young children represent not just a birth but a rebirth, a rebirth and a rededication of the strength and unity of our Nation and her great, caring people as we move forward. Indeed, our Nation will be changed for generations by the tragic events of a single day and all those that followed September 11. We pray for the souls of all that we lost that day and their surviving families as well.

As a Senator from Virginia, for the permanent RECORD of our Republic, I ask unanimous consent to have printed the names of all the men, women, and children who perished in that attack on Virginia soil.

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

THE 184 VICTIMS WHO PERISHED AT THE
PENTAGON ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Paul W. Ambrose
Specialist Craig S. Amundson
Yeoman 3rd Class Melissa Rose Barnes
Master Sgt. Max J. Beilke
Yeneneh Betru
Information Systems Technician 2nd Class
Kris Romeo Bishundat
Carrie R. Blagburn
Col. Canfield D. Boone
Mary Jane Booth
Donna M. Bowen
Allen P. Boyle
Bernard C. Brown II
Electronics Technician 3rd Class Christopher
L. Burford
Capt. Charles F. Burlingame III
Electronic Technician 3rd Class Daniel M.
Caballero
Sgt. 1st Class Jose O. Calderon-Olmedo
Suzanne M. Calley
Angelene C. Carter
Sharon A. Carver
William E. Caswell
Sgt. 1st Class John J. Chada
Rosa Maria Chapa
David M. Charlebois
Sara M. Clark
Julian T. Cooper

Asia S. Cotton
Lt. Commander Eric A. Cranford
Ada M. Davis
James D. Debeuneure
Capt. Gerald F. Deconto
Rodney Dickens
Lt. Commander Jerry D. Dickerson
Eddie A. Dillard
Information Systems Technician 1st Class
Johnnie Doctor, Jr.
Capt. Robert E. Dolan, Jr.
Commander William H. Donovan
Lt. Commander Charles A. Droz III
Commander Patrick Dunn
Aerographer's Mate 1st Class Edward T. Earhart
Barbara G. Edwards
Lt. Commander Robert R. Elseth
Charles S. Falkenberg
Leslie A. Whittington
Dana Falkenberg
Zoe Falkenberg
Store Keeper 3rd Class Jamie L. Fallon
J. Joseph Ferguson
Amelia V. Fields
Gerald P. Fisher
Darlene E. Flag
Rear Adm. Wilson F. Flag
Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Matthew M.
Flocco
Sandra N. Foster
1st Lt. Richard P. Gabriel
Capt. Lawrence D. Getzfred
Cortez Ghee
Brenda C. Gibson
Col. Ronald F. Golinski
Ian J. Gray
Diane Hale-McKinzy
Stanley R. Hall
Carolyn B. Halmon
Michele M. Heidenberger
Sheila M.S. Hein
Electronics Technician 1st Class Ronald J.
Hemenway
Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan, Jr.
Staff Sgt. Jimmie I. Holley
Angela M. Houtz
Brady Kay Howell
Peggie M. Hurt
Lt. Col. Stephen N. Hyland, Jr.
Lt. Col. Robert J. Hymel
Sgt. Maj. Lacey B. Ivory
Bryan C. Jack
Steven D. Jacoby
Lt. Col. Dennis M. Johnson
Judith L. Jones
Ann C. Judge
Brenda Kegler
Chandler R. Keller
Yvonne E. Kennedy
Norma Cruz Khan
Karen Ann Kincaid
Lt. Michael S. Lamana
David W. Laychak
Dong Chul Lee
Jennifer Lewis
Kenneth E. Lewis
Sammantha L. Lightbourn-Allen
Maj. Stephen V. Long
James T. Lynch, Jr.
Terrace M. Lynch
Operations Specialist 2nd Class Nehamon
Lyons IV
Shelley A. Marshall
Teresa M. Martin
Ada L. Mason-Acker
Lt. Col. Dean E. Mattson
Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude
Robert J. Maxwell
Renée A. May
Molly L. McKenzie
Dora Marie Menchaca
Patricia E. Mickley
Maj. Ronald D. Milam
Gerald P. Moran, Jr.
Odessa V. Morris
Electronics Technician 1st Class Brian A.
Moss

Teddington H. Moy
 Lt. Commander Patrick J. Murphy
 Christopher C. Newton
 Khang Ngoc Nguyen
 Illustrator-Draftsman 2nd Class Michael A. Noeth
 Barbara K. Olson
 Ruben S. Ornedo
 Diana B. Padro
 Lt. Jonas M. Panik
 Maj. Clifford L. Patterson, Jr.
 Robert Penninger
 Robert R. Ploger III
 Zandra F. Ploger
 Capt. Jack D. Punches
 Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator
 1st Class Joseph J. Pycior, Jr.
 Lisa J. Raines
 Deborah A. Ramsaur
 Rhonda Sue Rasmussen
 Information Systems Technician 1st Class
 Marsha D. Ratchford
 Martha M. Reszke
 Todd H. Reuben
 Cecelia E. (Lawson) Richard
 Edward V. Rowenhorst
 Judy Rowlett
 Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Russell
 Chief Warrant Officer 4th Class William R. Ruth
 Charles E. Sabin, Sr.
 Majorie C. Salamone
 John P. Sammartino
 Col. David M. Scales
 Commander Robert A. Schlegel
 Janice M. Scott
 Lt. Col. Michael L. Selves
 Marian H. Serva
 Commander Dan F. Shanower
 Antionette M. Sherman
 Diane M. Simmons
 George W. Simmons
 Donald D. Simmons
 Cheryle D. Sincok
 Information Systems Technician Chief Gregg
 H. Smallwood
 Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith
 Mari-Rae Sopper
 Robert Speisman
 Lt. Darin H. Pontell
 Scott Powell
 Patricia J. Statz
 Edna L. Stephens
 Norma Lang Steuerle
 Sgt. Maj. Larry L. Strickland
 Hilda E. Taylor
 Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor
 Leonard E. Taylor
 Sandra C. Taylor
 Sandra D. Teague
 Lt. Col. Karl W. Teepe
 Sgt. Tamara C. Thurman
 Lt. Commander Otis V. Tolbert
 Staff Sgt. Willie Q. Troy
 Lt. Commander Ronald J. Vauk
 Lt. Commander Karen J. Wagner
 Meta L. (Fuller) Waller
 Specialist Chin Sun Pak Wells
 Staff Sgt. Maudlyn A. White
 Sandra L. White
 Ernest M. Willcher
 Lt. Commander David L. Williams
 Maj. Dwayne Williams
 Radioman Chief Marvin Roger Woods
 Capt. John D. Yamnicky, Sr.
 Vicki Yancey
 Information Systems Technician 2nd Class
 Kevin W. Yokum
 Information Systems Technician Chief Don-
 ald M. Young
 Edmond G. Young, Jr.
 Lisa L. Young
 Shuyin Yang
 Yuguang Zheng

Mr. ALLEN. I add in closing, the Burlingame family, wife and surviving brother and sister, gave me a replica of

one of the few things found from Captain Burlingame, other than his wedding ring. He had a picture of his mother and a prayer. They gave this to me a couple hours ago at the ceremony at the Pentagon.

I share it with my colleagues and Americans. It is entitled: "I Did Not Die," by Mary Frye.

Do not stand at my grave and weep;
 I am not there, I do not sleep.
 I am a thousand winds that blow.
 I am the diamond glints on snow.
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
 I am the gentle autumn rain.
 When you awaken in the morning's hush
 I am the swift uplifting rush
 Of quiet birds in circled flight.
 I'm the soft stars that shine at night.
 Do not stand at my grave and cry;
 I am not there, I did not die.

Never forget. We will never forget. We will always remember this day that forged America together. These horrific events have strengthened our unity of purpose and resolve as Americans, that we stand strong together for liberty. I hope and pray that as long as God continues to bless our United States and indeed blesses the entire world with people of such courage, integrity, and character, that liberty and justice will endure and prevail.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I come to the floor to remember, to reflect, to try to somehow do justice to the memory of those lost to us on September 11. The tremendous grief we felt then, and still feel so sharply today, makes this anniversary a painful one for all of us as a nation, and as a people.

The anguish of that day will always be with us, but those of us who witnessed those acts of terror on our television screens know that we cannot imagine the suffering of those who perished in the attacks, or those who survived them.

The families and friends of those who died must live with terrible loss, and those who survived must live with searing memories.

No passage of time can ever erase the emotions of that day. But 1 year later, we also know that no passage of time can diminish the legacy left behind by those who perished. They will always be with us, living on in the family and friends who loved them.

No passage of time will allow us to regain what was so tragically lost on that morning. But one year later, with the passage of time, we see so clearly what was briefly obscured by smoke and fear and disbelief. We see the strength of the people around us—their everyday heroism, their generosity, and their humanity.

No passage of time can change what happened on September 11. But the last year has shown us that when our Nation was tested by terror, we did not falter, and most of all we did not fail each other. We rose together to meet the challenges before us, and we found that together we were capable of more than we ever imagined.

So today we find strength in each other. We find strength in the acts of heroism, and the acts of simple humanity, that took place on September 11 and in the aftermath of the attacks: the bravery of the first responders at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the acts of kindness of Americans all over the country who donated blood, observed moments of silence, or flew the flag in a show of patriotism and support.

Each of these acts, however large or small, contributed to our growing faith in the Nation's recovery, and in each other.

I was deeply proud of the many Wisconsinites who reached out to the victims of September 11 and their families. Volunteers from around the state flocked to disaster relief organizations to donate money and donate their time to support the victims of the attacks.

A number of Wisconsin volunteers also traveled to the World Trade Center to support the rescue workers. That desire all of us felt to do something, anything we could to help the victims of the attacks ran deep in my state, as it did everywhere across the country.

Just as the firefighters and police on 9/11 redefined bravery and heroism, in the uncertain days that followed, the Americans who reached out to help the victims and their families redefined generosity and patriotism.

A number of companies in Wisconsin, as so many businesses nationwide, also donated to the rescue efforts. Fire truck manufacturers such as Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, WI, and Marion Body Works of Marion, WI, donated critical replacement equipment to the New York City Fire Department. Seagrave Fire Apparatus of Clintonville, WI, rallied to complete previously ordered equipment for the New York City Fire Department in the wake of the attacks, and sent staff to New York to help the Department repair damaged equipment.

These efforts reaffirmed our faith that Americans would rise to this challenge, as we have so many times throughout our Nation's history. And we are rising to that challenge.

It has not been easy, and I frankly don't believe that all the choices we have made have been the right ones. But that has never affected the pride I feel to be an American during this extraordinary time in our history. I couldn't be more proud of the way Americans have come together in the wake of this tragedy, and I have been privileged to serve in the Senate during this last year.

What we as a nation have accomplished over the last year, and what we will accomplish in the years to come to meet the challenge of terrorism, will be our mark on history, not just as a Congress but as a generation.

It is of course impossible to summarize what happened on 9/11 and what it means. There were so many moments—public and private, captured on film and also lost to history—that make up our collective memory of that day.

The New York Times section "Portraits of Grief," however, is one laudable effort to pay tribute to the victims as individuals by remembering and celebrating each of their lives. These brief stories of the victims' lives remind us that the people who died that day were from every walk of life, from all over the country, and from all over the world. They remind us of what America truly is—a sea of nationalities and ethnicities never before seen in human history. The bitter irony of al-Qaida's desire to kill Americans is that people from every corner of the world have become citizens of this Nation. Like places all across America, the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the hijacked planes were filled with people with roots in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Central and South America.

These people and their families came here for different reasons, and they likely lived vastly different lives. But all of them had the chance to be a part of this great and free Nation. And all of them were senselessly struck down on September 11.

One such man was Ramzi Doany. I would like to read the story published in the "Portraits of Grief" section of the New York Times about this man, who lived for many years in my home state of Wisconsin.

Ramzi Doany amassed friends. He amassed them with acts of kindness, like tutoring a woman with lupus, two children and no husband, to get her through college, or letting his college roommate and the roommate's wife live in his condo for two years so they could save money for a down payment on a house.

He amassed friends with his sense of humor, which filled a room and flourished at an early age. As a boy of 9 or 10, young Ramzi dug a hole in the backyard for a terrible report card and put a stone on top. "He said it was dead and buried," said his sister, Dina Doany Azzam.

Mr. Doany was born to Palestinian parents in Amman, Jordan, and lived for many years in Milwaukee. At 35, he devoured the novels of Dickens, cooked Thanksgiving turkeys with great pride (even if they were just a bit dry) and had just bought a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He chose to work as a forensic accountant last March for Marsh & McLennan, the insurance brokerage company, because it would bring him to New York, a city he loved. The job also brought him to the World Trade Center.

It was a funny sort of journey, his sister said.

This man's journey, like so many others, was tragically cut short on September 11.

On this day, the passage of time is bittersweet. Whatever the healing powers of time, no passage of years can change what happened on September 11. But the passage of time brings other gifts.

This last year has brought us resolve—the firm resolve to stop terror, to preserve our liberty, and to do justice to the memory of those who died.

It has also shown us our own resilience—how Americans, even in the initial moments of shock and horror of the attacks, showed so much bravery,

so much compassion, and so much generosity.

Finally, time has brought renewal. It has renewed our strength, our hope, and our faith in each other.

So it is with this resolve, this resilience, and this sense of renewal that we move forward, in the name of those who perished, dedicated to fighting terror, and united by our faith in this great and free Nation.

I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, in the morning hours of September 11 our nation endured a terrible tragedy. Though thousands of miles from the crash sites, the response from our "Last Frontier" was overwhelming. Alaskans rushed to aid the victims of the terrorist attacks. They volunteered rescue dogs and handlers. They waited in line for three hours to donate blood. Some boarded planes and traveled to Ground Zero to aid in the search and rescue efforts. In December, those Alaskans were still there clearing debris.

Alaskans who could not travel to the crash sites offered support in other ways. Over 10,000 Alaskans signed two fifty-foot banners bearing the phrase "Love and Prayers, from the People of Alaska." One banner was presented in New York City by Alaskan firefighters. The other now hangs in the Pentagon. Countless Alaskans donated funds to help victims through the economic hardships brought on by the attacks. In Kenai, the Firefighters Association petitioned our state to name a mountain after St. Florian, the patron saint of firefighters, as a tribute to firefighters killed in the World Trade Center.

This year, Alaskans once again join the nation in mourning and remembrance. Today, I attended the Pentagon's memorial service, but in my home State, Alaskans will pay tribute to our heroes in their own unique way. Anchorage residents will observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. Emergency responders from across Alaska will gather on Barrow Street in Anchorage and join firefighters and police in a procession. A memorial wall will be erected at Town Square. In Homer, Mozart's "Requiem" will be performed as part of a worldwide sequence of performances beginning at the hour of the attack and moving from one time zone to the next. I hope all Alaskans who cannot participate in these events will attend a memorial and prominently display American flags.

I am proud of Alaska's efforts to honor and remember the victims of this tragedy. On that fateful morning they gave what Lincoln called the "last full measure of devotion." We honor their memory and their sacrifice.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming. The Senator is advised that under the previous order at the hour of 11:40 the Republican leader will be recognized to speak.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I appreciate the opportunity to share some thoughts about this day.

We all have memories, of course, of a year ago. They are so clear after a year. Nothing like that has ever happened in this country. We remember it as we see it again on TV today.

We have had a year to react, to recognize and accept the fact that it did happen. The unbelievable thing, shocking as it was, did happen. But we have also had the time to change from the immediate anger that we had, and the disbelief, to a commitment and resolution to do all that is necessary to make certain that it does not happen again.

We have had this year to increase our loyalty to our country and to our flag, to increase our understanding of the values of freedom and democracy, to commit our resolve to help and support those who have lost loved ones, family members, and friends, to accept the reality that here in the Congress we can disagree and have different views on normal, daily issues, but when it comes to protecting our country and to preserving freedom, we all come together.

The events of September 11 have clearly changed the way Americans view the world. We watched the events unfold. No one will ever forget. Everyone around the world has been touched, and we see some of that now. We are embroiled in a struggle against people who do not care about their lives and have set out to ruin ours. Sadly, we lost lives, but we regained a strong commitment to preserving our freedom and our integrity.

So all and all, it has been a year of shock, disbelief, anger, followed by commitment, caring, sharing, patriotism, and determination. I think we should be very proud of our fellow Americans for their commitment, their willingness to sacrifice and to give—whether it be on the battlegrounds overseas, whether it be in rescue missions or law enforcement, in charity to the needy, leadership in our country both at the community and national level, or just caring for our friends and neighbors and loving our families. This year has put an emphasis in all these values.

The United States will survive and will strengthen. Freedom will endure, and we thank God for the opportunity to be able to ensure that for our future.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, my time was to begin at 11:40 and we are a couple of minutes before that time. If I can take a moment before I begin with that, I will seek recognition now.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I acknowledge the fine statement that was made by Senator THOMAS and thank him for his efforts today to make sure that Senators are aware of the opportunity to come to the floor of the Senate and pay appropriate tribute and recognition, and express the condolences that are so appropriate for that occasion. I want to

make sure he was aware of our appreciation.

Mr. THOMAS. I thank the Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this day, September 11, is its own memorial. A year ago I got a call from my daughter, expressing her horror and her sorrow on this, her birthday—and only 2 weeks after her new daughter was born. She talked about how “I will just change my birth date. I will celebrate it a day earlier.” She asked me, “What exactly is this situation in this world I have brought my daughter into?”

It struck me that she would have those questions and those concerns, and what she had seen that day. She worried about what it means for the future.

I talked to her this morning on her birthday. She celebrates her birthday today, as she should—not just because it was the day she was born but because she now realizes that in some ways, in spite of her horror, this is an even more special day—this is Patriots Day.

So my special pen from the Pentagon service will go to my daughter on this day because I think in a way how she felt a year ago and how she feels today reflects what we have all gone through and what we have experienced.

The truth is that this day doesn't really require any speeches or ceremonies, though we certainly will have them all day long. We really need no monument to remind us of the suffering and sorrow that befell our country 1 year ago today.

As we sat there next to the wall of the Pentagon, I kept thinking about the innocent men, women, and children who lost their lives so inexplicably and so mercilessly on that day. But I also think about those who tried so hard that day to save people's lives with danger to themselves. Some of them probably were injured, and some of them maybe were killed—and all that has gone into the work at that building to symbolize the importance of us showing that we are mending our wounds and we are going to be stronger from what we have experienced.

The wound that we had last year hasn't healed, nor should we expect it to be healed so quickly, nor many of the scars. The scars will be there. As a nation, we lost a great deal—not only these innocent lives in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York, but also that sense of security, and perhaps even naivety that we have experienced thinking that this is America, we are free and we are accessible, and we go and do what we want without being better in any way.

Well, that has changed. I believe we have been hurt deeply—not just those who were directly involved, but all of us who watched it—all Americans and all freedom-loving people all over the world.

I continue to be so pleased and, frankly, thrilled with the reaction I get when I meet with leaders from coun-

tries all over the world—and just average people on the streets of other countries. They come up and express their condolences and their support.

Yesterday I met with the President of Bulgaria and the Prime Minister of Portugal. Their comments were so reassuring and satisfying. They have done their part. Bulgaria—yes. Bulgaria has had troops in Afghanistan and, fortunately, has stood with us and will stay with us in the future.

We have been hurt deeply. But our observance of this day is about more than grief, it is about more than anger, and it is about more than appreciation. It is about valor and courage beyond words adequate to describe what has happened and how we feel. It is about compassion and it is about a unity of spirit.

I have felt that I have seen it as I have gone across this country. I do not know how many States I have been in over the past year—but a lot of them, and there is a different feeling. When people sing “God Bless America” and start taking the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, they sing and speak differently—with a little more gusto. But it is not about a flag, although that is what becomes so much a symbol of what we are experiencing internally. And it is not solely even about individuals. It is about ideas and principles—the values that have made this country what it is.

In this body, we don't take an oath to people or an oath to a person. We take an oath to the Constitution. So that unity of spirit has really been so obvious since I have gone into States in New England and the South and the West and the far West. It is about faith that looks through death and a consolation beyond all human assurance.

This morning, when we joined President Bush at the Pentagon to formally reopen that section of the building destroyed in the terrorist attack, we all again felt those emotions of a year ago. I was sitting next to Senator DASCHLE, and we couldn't help but remember a year ago when we flew in a helicopter, along with Senator REID and Senator NICKLES, right over that area. We looked down and saw what was going on—the smoke, the confusion, and the activities in trying to save people's lives, put out the fire, and deal with all that was going on. It is a site that has been burned into my memory forever.

Needless to say, there couldn't be a better symbol than the restoration of the Pentagon for the way America's Armed Forces have responded to the assault on our country. God bless them for what they have done and for what they are doing today.

But those who were responsible for that horror—and all those who shelter them, finance them, abet them, encourage them, or reward them—should understand this: America's most important rebuilding is not the shattered wall of the Pentagon, nor the scar in the earth in New York City. For what we have restored in the past year can-

not be measured in granite and steel, nor even grassy knolls, as in the case of Pennsylvania. We have rebuilt a wall of resolve, of determination, and of steady purpose.

We have renewed trust in our leadership, and in one another, yes. We will disagree on this floor and we will argue about the best way to do the homeland security part and what should be the limitations on terror insurance. That is what democracy is all about. But in the end we have been able to find a way over the past year to come together and get a result. That is through determination and a steady purpose.

We have renewed trust in ways that I hope will stay with us for a long time. We have rediscovered in our shared sorrow the power of a truly free society to overcome the enemies of freedom.

These are our battlements and these are our armaments, and their might is going to be felt both here at home and in lands far away—until the hand of terror is crushed and the work of justice is done.

Again, we extend our heartfelt condolences to those family members who lost loved ones last year. We remind ourselves of how heroes were born on that date out of that horror, and we rededicate ourselves to the purpose of preserving this great young Republic and all the freedoms for which it stands.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I begin by complimenting the distinguished Republican leader on his eloquence and his message this morning.

It was 1 year ago today that many of us turned on our television and saw what we could only imagine at the time was a horrible, horrible accident. Soon we realized that it was no accident. Instead, it was the worst terrorist attack on American soil.

Later this morning the wing of the Pentagon that was destroyed is being rededicated. That field in Shanksville is once again green. The debris from the site of the World Trade Center has been removed. The heavy equipment and the workers are now engaged in the act of building—not removing.

Through the physical scars of that day, we see a nation beginning to be healed. The emotional ones are still raw with our memory. Thousands of families are approaching their second Thanksgiving without a loved one. Children are approaching their second holiday season without a mother—or a father. Empty locker in firehouses still bear witness to the brave men who are no longer there.

And so, the Pentagon can be restored. New grass can cover the churned earth of a rural field. New towers can begin to rise where others fell. Seasons and years can pass. Through it all, we will never forget.

This day will forever be a part of our national memory. Nine/eleven will forever be our national shorthand for all

that we witnessed, all that we have experienced—on that day and the days following.

That is what we remember all across America today.

In my home State of South Dakota, there will be a number of small services, including a memorial ceremony at Mount Rushmore.

In Seattle, WA, citizens will march to a downtown fountain that became the city's unofficial memorial after September 11. Thousands of flowers had been left there. Those flowers were gathered by the city and composted. Each marcher will receive a bulb, in mulch generated by the original memorial flowers, to plant.

Birmingham, AL, is dedicating a new memorial walk. San Francisco is unfurling a 5-mile long banner along the city's coastline.

From Portland, ME, to Portland, OR, people are pausing, and paying tribute. All tolled, more than 200 communities are holding events of some kind. In one way or another, all Americans have the opportunity to commemorate our Nation's loss.

And, of course, some people will simply go about their business—and that in itself is a powerful testimonial to our ability to go on.

Today is also a day to remember that our national tragedy is the combination of thousands of individual tragedies.

I think that sentiment was best stated by Janny Scott, a reporter on the Metro desk of the New York Times, who was responsible for assembling a number of the "Portraits of Grief" that sought to capture the essence of each of the victims.

She wrote about "the individual humanity swallowed up by the dehumanizing vastness of the toll," and what she called "the preciousness of each life's path."

This morning, in New York, former Mayor Giuliani began the process of reading the names of everyone who perished on that day. If one name is read every 5 seconds, it will take over 4 hours to list every loss.

We also remember the individual acts of heroism: Firefighters who rushed up to help others get down; the passengers and flight attendants on flight 93, who showed us that we don't ever have to surrender to evil.

Seeing their selflessness inspired something similar in all of us. In South Dakota, one ranch couple—themselves struggling—sold \$40,000 worth of cattle and donated the proceeds to the victims. Similar acts of selflessness took place all over the country. Millions of hands reached out to those who had lost so much, until, by the act of reaching out and grieving, and remembering, we all came shoulder to shoulder as we understood the extraordinary nature of the loss.

The terrorists who brought down the World Trade Center thought they could shake the foundation of this country. They didn't understand that the founda-

tion isn't concrete and steel; it is our people, it is our commitment—our commitment—to freedom and democracy, and to each other.

So today, we remember those we lost, and we rededicate ourselves to preserving the memory of their lives, and to defeating the terror that took them.

Our military men and women in Afghanistan and those fighting terror around the globe carry with them our pride, and our hopes.

In the most fateful struggles in human history, freedom has triumphed over the worst forms of tyranny, and we will defeat the tyranny of terror as well.

On March 11, 6 months after the attack, Valerie Webb, a 12-year-old who had lost her only living parent in the World Trade Center, flipped a switch, sending two towers of light rising into the darkness over Lower Manhattan.

Someone compared that memorial to a national votive candle. Others compared it to the lives that were lost: beautiful, powerful, and fleeting. On April 14, as planned, that temporary memorial was extinguished.

At sunset tonight, in Battery Park, New York's mayor will light a flame to commemorate the victims of that day. Unlike the towers of light, that flame will not be extinguished—it will be eternal.

That flame will burn within sight of another eternal flame—the symbolic flame from the torch held by the Statue of Liberty.

Those two eternal flames carry with them two eternal promises.

The torch held by the Statue of Liberty is our Nation's promise that we will never yield in our determination to be a light to all those who seek freedom.

And the flame that will be lit tonight is our promise that though we may be slowly, steadily walking the path from remembrance to recovery—we will never forget.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the hour of 12 noon having arrived, the Senate will now observe a moment of silence in recognition of the events of September 11, 2001.

(Thereupon, the Senate observed a moment of silence.)

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. (Mrs. CARNAHAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. STEVENS. Madam President, I was very proud of the efforts of Alaskans in response to the disaster on September 11 of last year. Although we are thousands of miles from New York, they immediately reacted.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, later this afternoon in my home State of Vermont, the chief judge of the Federal district court, Judge William Sessions, will have an immigration ceremony, and I might say that I can't think of anything more fitting. We will have memorials and other events throughout the State of Vermont today, just as we will in other States.

Many of us had been at the Pentagon earlier this morning, heard the moving statements, and saw the resolve of the men and women who protect this Nation. We heard our President and Secretary of Defense and others.

It is right that throughout the country we have different events to mark this occasion.

I want to especially compliment Judge Sessions for what he is doing in Vermont. If there is anything that speaks to the resiliency of this Nation, the greatness of this Nation, it is welcoming immigrants, saying our borders are not sealed, our borders are open.

We want to welcome people who will continue to make this country great, just as did my paternal great-grandparents and my maternal great-grandparents who came to this country not speaking any English but who sought employment and a new life. My grandfathers were stone cutters in Vermont, immigrant stock. My wife was the first generation of her family to be born here in the United States. It is immigrants who have made this Nation strong.

What Judge Sessions is doing is telling us that our borders and our country and our arms are still open to the mix of people from throughout the world who will continue to give us the diversity we need, just as our Constitution gives us diversity and guarantees that diversity in the first amendment. We now have new Americans who will be here with the same rights and privileges the rest of us have, and the Nation will be a better place for it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I know a lot of Senators wish to be heard. While I won't ask unanimous consent that this be done, I would urge that the Chair recognize members of both parties in alternating fashion to