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Today marks the fifth anniversary of the attacks of September 11th. As we look back on that day in which 3,000 lives were lost, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones that were left behind. Rest assured, those killed on that fateful day will never be forgotten.

We also remember the heroic actions of the police, firefighters, rescue workers and ordinary people who ignored their own safety in order to save the lives of others. Many of these rescuers made the ultimate sacrifice that day, and we honor their memory today.

Finally, we cannot ignore the enormous sacrifices made since September 11th, 2001, in order to keep us and our country safe. Thousands of men and women have dedicated their time and energy towards strengthening our nation's security and preventing another terrorist attack on American soil. To them we owe a debt of gratitude and thanks.

As we look forward, our nation must remain vigilant in combating terrorism. We must remain resolute in protecting our way of life, our ideals and our freedoms, and remain determined in facing down the threat of terrorism wherever it may arise.