It's been 11 years since blue skies over New York were

blackened with soot, 11 years since the Pentagon sustained its only

attack in history, and 11 years since the heroism of our countrymen

over a quiet field in Pennsylvania. Today, we remember and honor all of

the lives lost on this day 11 years ago.

In the aftermath of 9/11, we mourned those who lost their lives. What

had seemed so far from possible just 1 day before was ever present from

that moment on, and we will never forget.

From the ashes came stories of heartbreak, like twins born on

September 15 who never knew their father. For them and so many others,

it's not 11 years; it's every single day.

As we reflect on this anniversary of 9/11, let us remember those

3,000 people, the fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and brave

first responders, and the values of this country for which they lost

their lives, our tolerance, our democracy, and our freedom.