Mr. Speaker, today we mark the

12th anniversary of 9/11, a day that changed America forever.

We remember those who died. We lost close to 3,000 people on 9/11,

but many thousands more lost their health and many are suffering from

cancer. This body passed the 9/11 health and compensation bill to help

them, and I thank my colleagues.

Since that day, much has changed and much has been restored. Ten

million people have visited Memorial Plaza that opened in 2011. The 9/

11 museum opens next spring. The 104-story Freedom Tower opens next

year.

But there are still men and women who suffer--or will suffer--from

the effects of that massive toxic stew that enveloped Lower Manhattan

for months.

So, on this special day, I would like to remind everyone that the

final deadline to register for the benefits under the 9/11 Victims

Compensation Fund is October 3. Please let everyone who is eligible

know--registering will cost you nothing and may help you and your

family tremendously.