Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 11th

anniversary of the vicious attack on America. I appreciate the

leadership scheduling a memorial service on the steps of the Capitol

this morning, but more needs to be said as I fear time and events have

dulled our memory. It was 11 years ago that our Nation changed forever

as violent international extremists struck in the streets of Lower

Manhattan and in the fields of Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon.

When that day was over and as we learned more about that tragedy and,

yes, of the murderous attacks and the loss of nearly 3,000 Americans,

including 700 New Jerseyans, who are from my home State, we witnessed

neighbors and friends consoling one another, and we watched as

Americans from all walks of life stood united--side by side--waving the

Stars and Stripes and lighting candles to honor those lost or missing.

Today, this afternoon, I must remind our fellow Americans that we are

still a Nation at war, largely because of those events. We remember

those who lost their lives on that fateful day, but we also remember

the sacrifices of those who serve in Iraq and Afghanistan to make sure

that those responsible for those attacks pay that ultimate sacrifice.