Mr. President, 12 years ago more than 100 Members of

Congress from both parties stood together on the Capitol steps to show

our sympathy, solidarity, and resolve. Those of us who were there will

never forget it. Later this morning Members will gather on the same

steps to remember once again those who died and to recommit ourselves

to our national ideals--together. Our Nation always pulls together in

difficult moments;

9/11 showed us that. It is important we remember it.

I look forward to joining congressional leaders and others out on the

same steps shortly, on this day that has rightly become a very solemn

one throughout our country.

We remember today all those who were killed as well as the families

they left behind. We remember them with renewed sorrow. We remember all

who lost their lives or who have been injured in the line of duty

defending our freedoms since 9/11.

Today, we remember the resolve we shared on a clear September morning

12 years ago.

In the days and months that followed the attacks of 9/11, we did not

cower. We took the fight to the terrorists, while here at home we

opened our doors, our wallets, and our hearts to those around us. We

persevered. We maintained what was and is best about our country. And,

together, we will continue to do so as long as this struggle continues.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.