Mr. President, I rise to speak in morning business to

remember 9/11, 2001, a day every American citizen and every citizen in

the world remembers. They remember where they were. They remember what

they thought. And they remember the tragedy we all watched on

television that day.

It is appropriate that on every 9/11 of every year we pause for a

moment and pray for the victims of that tragedy and their families,

that we remember what happened on that day, and that we commit

ourselves to see to it that it never happens again.

It is important that it not just be a memory. It needs to be a

seminal moment in our lives that allows us to never forget the tragedy

of what I believe is the first battle in the greatest war between good

and evil. Terrorism is the ultimate enemy of freedom, liberty, and

democracy, and it is something we must stand up to and never cower to.

Sometimes people ask me: What can I do? What can I do on 9/11, 2013,

to remember those who died, to remember those who saved lives, and to

remember what happened? I say there are three important things for us

to always do.

No. 1 is to give thanks for the EMTs, the firemen, the law enforcement

officers who risked their lives and, in many cases, died to save people

who were victims of the Twin Towers tragedy. That is No. 1.

No. 2 is to remember we are a soldier in the army to fight terrorism.

Every American should remember to be vigilant, to watch where they go.

If they see something unusual, if they see something out of character,

report it. We can be the second security force for our country.

Third, and most importantly, pray for our country. Pray that we have

the strength to continue to confront terrorism. It is important for us

to remember that terrorists win when we fear them. When we change what

we do in our lives because we fear terrorism, they have won that great

battle. We must stand up to, be vigilant for those signs that indicate

a terrorist attack may happen, and let them know that no matter where,

no matter when, or no matter what, the people of the United States of

America stand ready to confront it and see to it that never does our

country cower in fear because of terrorism. So on this tragic day, when

almost 3,000 citizens of the world lost their lives in New York City,

Shanksville, PA, and Washington, DC, it is appropriate that we pause

and remember those victims, their families, and all of those who worked

to save lives on 9/11, 2001. We must also remember those three things:

Pray for America and those who were victims, remember to be vigilant

and part of the army that keeps our eyes open and reports things that

are seen, and always remember that when we cower to terrorism in fear,

the terrorists have won. America must always be what America is: the

strongest democracy on the face of this Earth.

May God bless our country and may God bless the souls who died on

September 11, 2001.