WASHINGTON, DC – Ten years ago, our country suffered the terrorist attack that claimed thousands of lives we still mourn today.

As we remember this day, we send our thoughts and prayers to each of their families and we honor the heroic service, actions and sacrifices of those first responders, law enforcement officers and so many others who offered their help to innocent victims.

This anniversary is a chance to pay tribute to a generation of people who have dedicated their lives for our security during a decade of war. More than two million of our troops have served in war zones with multiple deployments and more than 6,000 Americans have given their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

On this tenth anniversary of the attacks, let each of us strengthen our resolve to make sure that such a tragedy never happens again. Our values have endured for more than two centuries, and are stronger than the hateful ideology of al Qaeda.

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