

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-05) released the following statement regarding the seventh anniversary of 9/11: “Today we are solemnly commemorating the seventh anniversary of the September 11

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changed all of our lives. It is important that we take this opportunity to remember those who lost their lives, and those brave men and women who came to the aid of the victims. We will always be indebted to the first responders, nurses, doctors, counselors and volunteers who have tended to the wounds inflicted by Al Qaeda terrorists just seven years ago.”

“As our hearts and national character continue to absorb the pain of that tragic day, we understand that our greatest healings have come from unity. We gain strength through the compatriotism of our fellow citizens, and extend our hands of help as others do the same for us.”

“Following September 11, 2001, our country saw a meteoric rise in volunteerism, community service and national service program enrollment. When our nation was at its darkest, the light of unity gave us direction towards a brighter future. Men and women from every walk of life answered the call of history to become active and serve their country in any way they could.”

“I commend those who have committed their day to giving back. Today, dozens of organizations and thousands of individuals are turning their grief, respect, and remembrance into action and service to their community. This national day of service is patriotism manifested. Service confronts the cynicism and hopelessness of terrorism, and exemplifies our national foundation of justice, equality, and fellowship. The work being done today throughout the country renews the spirit of unity that followed tragedy. A national day of service gives our country a new tradition that I hope will grow for generations to come.”

“Once again, I want to thank those who have dedicated their efforts to ensuring that our country is protected against and prepared for any future terrorist attack. I also wish to remember those lives lost during the brutal attacks on September 11, 2001. As we pass the Resolution today, we are honoring the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of Americans who so bravely came together after 9/11.”

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