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Statement for the Record
Resolution Commemorating 9/11
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This Friday, we come together as a nation once again to commemorate those who perished on September 11, 2001, and to renew our commitment to each other and to our nation's ideals of tolerance and freedom. Though the years have passed, the memory of that day and of the heroism displayed by rescue workers and ordinary Americans is not diminished.

I hope you will join me in a day of reflection, as we contemplate how each of us can draw strength from this tragedy and help create the America we'd like to see. Our nation's strength lies in the ability to welcome dissent, but it is my hope that this day can remind us of our common humanity: that we are more joined than divided. And although we may disagree on the means for how to deal with climate change, health care, and economic recovery, to name but a few of our challenges, these are priorities for us all.

Let us remember this day, and let us pledge to work harder and more constructively to build a stronger America.