

(WASHINGTON) ---- Congressman Allen West (FL-22) released this statement today, reflecting on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks:

"As I reflect back on September 11, 2001, I remember being an Army Lieutenant Colonel training alongside the United States Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. I had just finished my morning physical training when I heard the horrifying news. I knew right then, that myself, as well as my fellow comrades-in-arms were going to be called up to fight for our country. I knew whoever was responsible for this despicable attack would have to be held accountable. Since then, I have been to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and now in the United States House of Representatives, I will continue to work to bring every single one of these enemies to justice.

As Americans, we sit here today knowing that the war is not over. This radical Islamic enemy, this militant Islam we are facing is evidenced in Islamic Totalitarianism. It is not something with which we can appease or negotiate.

September 11th reaffirms for me the commitment to protect the country I have served for my entire adult life. As I sit on the House Armed Services Committee, I am determined to make sure our military is the most well-trained and well-equipped in the world, and their families are well taken care of. This enemy will continue to be pursued.

Let us never forget the Americans who lost their lives-- in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in a field in Pennsylvania-- let us not forget their sacrifice.

We will stand together as Americans, banding together to never allow any enemy to change, alter or threaten our way of life. Let 9/11 always have a place in our hearts and in our minds, and give us the strength to endure the battles that lie ahead.

God bless all of those Americans who have lost loved ones, and let them have peace today in knowing their country honors them and will not let them down."

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