

United States Senate

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Dear Fellow Texans:

On this day 18 years ago, terrorists hijacked four commercial planes and crashed them into buildings and fields in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The events of that day cost nearly 3,000 lives, wounded more than 6,000, and impacted a generation. That solemn day has been forever etched into the American memory, and we will always remember it with a heavy heart.

It was the deadliest attack on United States soil since Pearl Harbor, and like that day, it was meant as an attack on our values and way of life.

But we have not let the terrorists paralyze us in fear, and we will not start now. Just as vital as it is that we remember what happened on September 11, 2001, in response we must also continue to celebrate what makes this country great.

In the wake of the attacks, Americans of every color and creed joined hands in a true display of American resilience. When faced with abject evil and wanton disregard for life, we as a nation stood strong.

So many did so much after the attacks. I hope you'll join me today in thanking the first responders, law enforcement officers, military, emergency personnel, health care providers, and good Samaritans that did anything and everything they could to help. Our nation owes them a debt of gratitude.

We also remember those we lost that day: those who perished in the hijacked planes, those who worked in the fallen buildings, and those who sacrificed all to prevent future loss of life.

On the 18th anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001, we must recommit ourselves as a society to the idea that evil cannot and will not win.

May God continue to bless the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cornyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator