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Dear Friends:

Many are gathered tonight to honor the memory of loved ones who fell victim to the recent attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon. Many men and women from across the country lost their lives carrying out their daily duties to serve our country. Lieutenant Colonel Jerry "D.D." Dickerson and James "Joe" Ferguson of Mississippi are only a couple of the many names that will be remembered when we reflect on this national tragedy.

Please allow me this opportunity to commend the memory of these heroes and the countless others for their selfless acts, dedication and commitment to their nation, community and state.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all during this difficult time. I know that D.D. and Joe, along with hundreds of others, will be remembered in the tears and the laughter of those who knew them. I hope that the joy these people brought to their friends and family will not be lost in death, but remembered by the living.

Very truly yours,

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