

## September 11, 2008 - Murtha Statement on the Seventh Anniversary of 9/11

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, inserted the following remarks into the Congressional Record today, commemorating the seventh anniversary of September 11, 2001:

“Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the heroes who died seven years ago today in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in the Congressional district that I represented, Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

“On September 11th, 2001, I was in the U.S. Capitol, where the Subcommittee I now chair was marking up the annual Defense Appropriations Bill. After the order was given to evacuate, I headed back to Pennsylvania. The next day, September 12th, 2001, I visited the crash site of United Flight 93 in Shanksville, only 30 miles south of my home. We all owe a deep debt of gratitude to those heroic passengers who foiled the terrorists’ plan and saved the lives of countless Americans working and visiting in the U.S. Capitol.

“In our darkest hour, Americans everywhere joined together in acts of bravery, compassion and hope. Our first responders worked round-the-clock to help those in need and millions of us gave our time and resources to relief organizations like the American Red Cross. In the months following September 11th we found comfort and pride in each other. We were all Americans, and we were determined to move our great nation forward.

“Madam Speaker, our number one duty is to ensure the safety and security of the American people. Our brave men and women in uniform are fighting around the globe so that our children can grow up in a world absent of war and terrorism. We pay tribute to their bravery and to their sacrifice on this anniversary of September 11th, 2001.”

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