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STATEMENT BY MAYOR JOSE 'JOEY' TORRES ON 911

"Today, we honor the lives and personal stories of courage of thousands of hardworking men and women, members of the Police Force, Firemen and Emergency Response units, who lost their lives for their fellow man.

Their stories move our hearts and make us question the reason for these acts of violence, inexplicable to those of us who cherish freedom and peace.

And although as human beings we experience a collective lament of sorrow. We also recognize the triumph of the human spirit, and applaud those who love peace and serve with selfless generosity.

We must never lose hope, for the wondrous hope of heaven strengthens and encourages us all.

Today, we recognize them so that future generations will never forget their story."

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