

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today commemorating the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001:

“On this solemn anniversary, we must never forget those who lost their lives in the most heinous terrorist attack in our country’s history. To the families of those who were killed on that tragic day in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, we will always remember the victims and recount the stories of heroism that will be their legacy. To the Fifth District families who have suffered such a profound loss, we come together to heal as a community and offer our thoughts and prayers to each of them. To those who have served in our Armed Forces since 9/11, we remain grateful for their sacrifices. To all who have worked as first responders and kept our communities safe here at home, we offer our thanks for their steadfastness.

“Eleven years later, thanks to the sacrifices and determination of our troops, Osama bin Laden is no longer a threat to our country and Al-Qaeda has been severely weakened. The values we uphold – democracy, tolerance, and the free exchange of ideas – are stronger today despite Al-Qaeda’s efforts to destroy them. On this anniversary, we pause to remember the horrific events of that day, and renew our commitment to keeping America safe, strong, and united.”