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As we all pause and reflect today on the day that changed America, we first remember the many people who were lost nineteen years ago and those who survived. We must also remember the heroes—those in uniform and those not. Those in careers who vowed to protect and serve others, and those ordinary citizens performing extraordinary deeds helping in any way they could.

“September 11, 2001 revealed heroism in ordinary people who might have gone through their lives never called upon to demonstrate the extent of their courage.”

~ Geraldine Brooks

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We must also remember the resilience of the human spirit, particularly the resiliency that was shown after that tragic day. Yes, there was immense sadness and fear. Despite the uncertainties, people banded together to support each other and stand united. It was not easy to see the light shining through the darkness, but by people helping and leaning on one another, the days, weeks and months that followed allowed small glimmers of light to shine through.

While the world has experienced different uncertainties and worries in the last six months, that same community resiliency has been and is what must be the light that guides us through these challenging times. Stepping up, helping and supporting one another; those are the ways we push through the dark and difficult times. I thank each and every one of you for your help, for you are the reasons we have pushed through the darkness.

Let us never forget those who were lost on September 11, 2001, and may we always remember the heroes and that resilience we all possess.

Stay well, stay safe and thank you for all you do,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul H. Torres'.

Paul H. Torres
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