We dedicate this program to the eight children who were killed in the September 11th terrorist attacks

Christine Lee Hanson, 2 years old, UA Flight 175  
Dana Falkenberg, 3 years old, AA Flight 77  
David Reed Gamboa Brandhorst, 3 years old, UA Flight 175  
Juliana Valentine McCourt, 4 years old, UA Flight 175  
Zoe Falkenberg, 8 years old, AA Flight 77  
Bernard Curtis Brown II, 11 years old, AA Flight 77  
Asia S. Cottom, 11 years old, AA Flight 77  
Rodney Dickens, 11 years old, AA Flight 77

May they rest in peace and never be forgotten.

We also dedicate this program to the memory of Beverly Eckert, wife of 9/11 casualty, Sean Rooney.

As the towers burned, Beverly was on the phone with her beloved husband, Sean. Her elegance in recounting their last words of love to each other was haunting and heartbreaking. Beverly channeled her grief into action to make our nation safer and to honor all who died on 9/11. She spoke softly and with respect. She worked as a mediator, not a divider.

Beverly was one of our greatest advocates, fighting for justice and honor for the 9/11 victims. On February 12, 2009, Beverly was killed in a plane crash outside Buffalo, New York. She was flying to Buffalo to celebrate what would have been Sean’s 58th Birthday.

Responding to the news of her tragic death, President Obama called her an “inspiration.” She was an inspiration and an example to all American citizens. Her example in how she lived her life teaches us all what we must do to fulfill our own civic responsibility.

We dedicate this program in loving memory of all the innocent people who died in the September 11th terrorist attacks. The lessons of 9/11 must be harnessed to honor them and ensure their loss is not in vain.