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Dear Friends.

It is my pleasure to send my warmest personal greetings to all of you who have gathered here this evening for the Voices of September 11<sup>th</sup> Always Remember Gala. Hadassah and I regret that we cannot be with you.

As you know too well on September 11, 2001 our enemies attacked America hoping that the unimaginable horror they inflicted in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania would be the undoing of our great nation. Instead, a common bond among all Americans was born of this shared tragedy. As a nation, we continue to dedicate ourselves to ensuring that those who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup> did not do so in vain and will never be forgotten. No one has been more committed to this cause than the loved ones of those who perished on 9/11.

Nine and a half years later, I continue to be inspired by the dedication of family members and friends who fight the good fight, who search for answers, who travel to Washington and testify before Congressional committees and advocate for reforms, and who come together like you have tonight to preserve the memories of those who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mary and Frank Fetchet, parents of Brad Fetchet have worked together through their overwhelming grief to give other families who had lost loved ones on September 11, 2001 an outlet to share the lives of their loved ones with the world.

With each success, we honor the memory of those we've lost. This September will mark the tenth anniversary of the events that forever changed our nation. Let us continue to work to make certain that as time passes those who were lost that day will never be forgotten.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event and my sincere gratitude for all that the members and supporters of Voices of September 11<sup>th</sup> have done for their nation and their loved ones, and will continue to do.

Sincerely.

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