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VOICES of September 11<sup>th</sup> 84 Albany Street New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Dear Friends,

Please accept my warmest wishes as you gather at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Always Remember Gala at Pier Sixty in New York City. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you commemorate the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

Since its inception, VOICES has been an outstanding resource that provides information, support services, and annual commemorative events for families, rescue workers, and survivors. It has been tirelessly dedicated to documenting the lives and stories of 9/11 and promoting public policy reform on prevention, preparedness, and response to terrorism. Through its 9/11 Living Memorial digital archive, VOICES chronicles the nearly 3,000 lives lost and documents the inspirational firsthand accounts of rescue workers and survivors at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Tonight, you gather in remembrance of the lives lost and those individuals who put their own lives at risk to save others. As you honor them and the families, friends, and loved ones that they left behind, you also gather in commitment to the lessons we learned that day as Americans. It was a day when the nation came together and stood tall as Americans, regardless of race, creed, or party affiliation. We must commit to teach our children and future generations about this lesson of America's spirit.

As a United States Senator, I stand with you in your dedication and work on behalf of the 9/11 community. Best wishes for a memorable and successful event.

Sincerely,

ROBERT MENENDEZ

United States Senator