

## **Ambassador Feinstein's Remarks for 9/11 Warsaw-Praga Event**

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Panowie Ministrowie, Pani Prezydent, Panie  
Burmistrzu. Drodzy przyjaciele. Serdecznie wszystkim  
dziękuję, że możemy być razem w dziesiątą rocznicę  
zamachów z 11 września.

I would like to thank you for joining us today as  
we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the  
September 11 attacks.

Every September since the first anniversary of  
9/11, Americans and Poles have gathered in this place  
to honor the citizens who perished in the attacks on the  
World Trade Center and the Pentagon. They were  
innocent men, women, and children from more than 90

countries. They include six Poles, whose names are inscribed here at Skaryszewski Park.

Today we honor their memory, and we pay tribute to the firefighters and police officers and ordinary people who did extraordinary things that day, risking their lives to save others.

Every year at this park in Warsaw, opposite Rondo Waszyngtona, Poles and Americans send a message of unity. We send the message of unity in upholding the values of freedom and democracy. And we send a message that we are united in our determination to defend those values.

History has brought our two countries close. And, so too, after 9/11. In our moment of need,

Americans looked to one other for consolation and support. We looked also to our friends around the world. No one responded more quickly or with greater conviction than Poland.

Po zamachach byliście za nami. Pamiętamy.

[In the days and weeks after September 11, Poles stood by the United States. We remember.]

After the attacks you sent letters and laid flowers. My embassy friends still remember the wave of heat from the thousands of candles you placed on Aleje Ujazdowskie. Over the years you have erected monuments in towns and cities small and large, from Krakow to Kielce, from Bialystok to Olsztyn.

Of course, Poland showed Solidarity not only with candles. We are grateful for Polish sacrifice and we honor that sacrifice here today, as well.

In the past decade, terrorists and violent extremists have failed to achieve their goals. Individuals, communities, and nations have shown that they are stronger than fear.

Rather than being paralyzed by the violent actions of a few, people around the world have stubbornly strived to build better futures for themselves and their children, and have helped their neighbors do the same.

In recent months, we have seen people across the Middle East and North Africa rejecting extremist

narratives and seeking to chart paths of peaceful progress based on universal rights and aspirations. From Belarus to Benghazi, people seeking to build democratic futures, look to Poland for inspiration.

It is a great privilege to represent the United States in Poland. And never more so than on this day, when in remembering our grief, we reaffirm our commitment to live our lives freely and without fear; and to help others share in the blessings of liberty we are privileged to enjoy.

Thank you.