

Washington, D.C. - Congressman David Price, Chairman of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee and co-chair of the National Service Caucus, released the following statement on the anniversary of 9/11.

Eight years after the terrorist attacks on September 11th, we remember the thousands of innocent people who lost their lives on that dreadful day.

The tragic events of that Tuesday morning inspired Americans to come together in a remarkable display of unity and compassion. In that same spirit, Congress has designated September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, and we call on all Americans to join in service today in honor of the 9/11 victims and their families, the first responders and recovery workers who sacrificed so selflessly in the wake of the attacks, the soldiers who have taken up arms to defend our country, and the many volunteers who spontaneously contributed their time and resources in the months and years since.

As a co-chair of the congressional National Service Caucus, I have joined President Obama in championing service and volunteerism throughout the country. Service projects marking the eight year anniversary of 9/11 will take place in all 50 states, ranging from food drives and home repairs to neighborhood cleanups and disaster preparation activities. I am pleased to participate today in a service project with North Carolina AmeriCorps members as part of the Little Heroes Family Connection, a statewide initiative that assembles "Connection Packages" to help children of service members connect with parents or family members who are deployed overseas.

There isn't a more fitting way to remember 9/11 than for Americans to voluntarily set aside time on the anniversary of the attacks to help others in need. But our commitment to service should not be limited to this somber anniversary – there are always opportunities to get involved and give back to our communities. For a list of service opportunities near you, I encourage you to visit Serve.gov.

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