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October 13, 2009

Mitch Mendler, President
World Memorial, a Volunteer Organization
3616 Hartzel Dr.
Spring Valley, California 91977

Dear Firefighter/Paramedic Mendler,

I want to personally thank you for bringing the 9/11 World Memorial to the Arizona State Capitol for our remembrance ceremonies conducted here on September 11 at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. It was a great honor for me to speak at this event.

We will always be mindful of our enormous debt of gratitude to those brave firemen, EMTs, paramedics, police, port authority and military personnel who gave their lives in their attempts to rescue the civilian casualties of the 9/11 attack. And we will always remember and honor the victims who lost their lives and the families that were bereaved by this attack.

With over 200 flags representing every country which had citizens that perished in the WTC that day, your memorial is a very powerful statement about the indiscriminate aggression of terrorism. The artwork and other displays were a very moving and educational commemoration of those who gave their lives, those who lost their lives, and those who still put their lives on the line every day to protect our safety and our freedom.

I applaud the World Memorial's voluntary effort toward keeping the flame lit in memory of our fallen. Thank you for making the trip to Arizona with your memorial on September 11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Lesko".

Debbie Lesko
State Representative
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cc: Jerry Sanders, Mayor