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A Myriad of Questions Remain About 9/11

Congressman Walter R. Jones, Jr. (R-N.C.) sent the following statement to the Oct. 11 Schiller Institute Town Hall Meeting in New York City.

The recent anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 has once again raised the myriad of ques-

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tions that still remain unanswered regarding that terrible day. After 13 years, it is long past time for the American people to get the full truth about the worst attack ever committed on American soil. The need for transparency is greater than ever.

To that end, I have created a bipartisan coalition of members dedicated to declassifying 28 pages of the Congressional Joint Inquiry into 9/11 that were initially removed under President George W. Bush and have remained classified under President Barack Obama. Having read these pages myself, I know without a doubt that their publication would not pose a threat to national security. Rather, these pages contain information that is critical to our foreign policy moving forward, that the American people have a right to know. More importantly, this information will help to bring closure to the many individuals who lost family and friends in the attacks, or survived the attacks themselves, many of who are here today.

Along with Rep. Stephen Lynch [D-Mass.], I have introduced House Resolution 428, which calls on the President to declassify the 28 pages. This bipartisan resolution has garnered support from not only current members of Congress, but also from former Senator Bob Graham, who co-chaired the Congressional Joint Inquiry, and has been calling for declassification of the pages for years. More recently, the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission, Gov. Tom Kean and Congressman Lee Hamilton, who used the Congressional Joint Inquiry to inform their investigation, have called for the pages to be declassified.

In addition, the resolution has gained perhaps the most important endorsement of all—that of the 9/11 victims and families of victims.

I want to sincerely thank each of you for your advocacy and ask to you to please contact your member of Congress and ask that they join in support of this effort to provide the American people with the truth.