

Congressman Pence penned [a guest column](#) today in the *Muncie Star Press*, recalling the harrowing events of September 11, 2001.

*Everyone remembers where they were on this day seven years ago.*

*A stay-at-home mom tended to her little ones as she planned out her day.*

*A coal miner just finished the dreaded third shift and was getting ready to go to sleep.*

*A farmer had already been up for three hours doing the morning chores.*

*And just like everyone else, I too was going through my "normal" workday routine at the Capitol when I learned of the attacks in New York City and the Pentagon.*

*I vividly remember the Capitol complex being evacuated. I was whisked away by the Capitol Police to the top floor of their headquarters where I met up with House and Senate leaders.*

*The moment I arrived, an officer informed us that an inbound airplane was '12 minutes out.' The Congressional leaders in the room began to discuss options and capabilities as I stood by and watched the Capitol Dome out the window.*

*We waited.*

*That was the longest 12 minutes of my life.*