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PENCE SAYS HIGH ALERT SHOULD NOT MEAN HIGH ANXIETY

Washington, Feb 12, 2003 - WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence took to the House floor today to urge his fellow Americans to remain calm in the face of new terror threats against the United States. The text of Pence's speech follows:

"It was made official last week. Our alert status is high. For many Americans this call for high vigilance has resulted in high anxieties. And in these days of wars and the rumors of wars, we are even hearing the voice of our enemy echo across the airwaves of the world.

"But I offer that we need to hear a different voice today. It is the voice that comforted our Founders and has comforted every American hero throughout our history.

"As the Psalmist wrote so many years ago, 'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, shall rest in the shadow of the Almighty. He will say, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge.'

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon our President, our troops in the field, and all those brave men and women who serve in every federal place in this nation this day."

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