I’d like to invite the entire ESU campus community to take a few moments today to pause and remember the nearly 3,000 lives that were lost and the more than 6,000 people who were injured 19 years ago during the terrorist attacks on the U.S., specifically the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 (Shanksville, PA). What many may not know is that ESU lost one of its own in the terrible events of that day. Martin Wortley, class of 1995, died in the Twin Towers. In addition to the tragedy of lives lost and affected on September 11, 2001, we as a country felt a threat to our freedom and our way of life. It seems only right for us to acknowledge Martin and the other victims who left us far too soon because of these attacks, including the hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other first responders who were called to service in New York City, Washington, D.C. and near Shanksville, Pa. Their lives were lost but we must never forget their impact on our lives today.