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*"The deeper that sorrow carves into your being,  
the more joy you can contain."*

*Kahlil Gibran, in "The Prophet"*

*Lebanese American poet and philosopher who lived in Boston and New York*

***We, Americans of Lebanese descent, grieve and mourn our fallen fellow Americans, victims of the senseless brutality of the terrorist attacks of September 11.***

***Lebanon, the land of our ancestors, has for decades suffered from the same forces of evil that struck America, our homeland. The people of Lebanon will always be grateful for the sacrifices America made for the cause of freedom, democracy, and peace in their country. Sadly, the forces of terrorism, armed and financed by regional outlaw nations, have for too long acted with impunity inside Lebanon: The bombings of the US Embassy, the American University of Beirut, and the Marine barracks; The kidnappings of educators and clergymen; The assassinations of U.S. Ambassador Francis Meloy and AUB President Malcolm Kerr, and many others.***

***In this moment of anguish and pain, the people of Lebanon stand side by side with the American people. We mourn and pray for all the victims regardless of nationality or faith. Their common humanity in death should remind us of our common humanity in life.***

***We pledge our full support to President Bush in the nation's relentless pursuit of the purveyors of terror wherever they may be. We support a zero-tolerance policy towards all states and regimes that harbor, support, train, and tolerate terrorists on their soil. We caution our government not to succumb to deceitful promises of cooperation from those who continue to shelter terrorists. Let us honor our victims by eradicating the roots of terrorism, in all its forms, everywhere.***

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ALC - American Lebanese of the Carolinas - NC  
ALCC - American Lebanese Committee of Cleveland - OH  
AUSL - Association for a United Sovereign Lebanon - NJ  
BTL - Bridge to Lebanon - USA  
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