

9/11 Memorial & Museum

Speech by SNF Co-President Andreas Dracopoulos

All of us at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), and I personally, are truly honored to be standing here this evening and very grateful to be accepting this recognition.

We are equally honored to have contributed in a small way towards the creation of the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.

The Memorial and Museum are as beautiful in their meaning as they are effective in their purpose. And they would not exist as they are without the leadership of Michael Bloomberg, who, as a civic leader, businessman, philanthropist, and human being, is a model for the promise the American dream can hold. Mike's record on all fronts is a beacon of hope itself, engaging in every way, sharing his own self-made success and at the same time fulfilling his vision of social responsibility in ways that simply lead the way for all of us. My wish is that each one of us leaves here tonight reflecting on what we can all do in our own lives to try to make sure that there is more of that sort of promise in the world and less of the hatred that lead to tragedy on that September day. Let us all be inspired by the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, its mission, its vision, honoring the memories of the victims, preserving history, and helping us explore ways to engage, to understand, to work for a world where, at the end of the day another memorial like it hopefully never again has to be built. Thank you.