

Reaction and Response

Mood in the Capitol Health Unit

Recollections of the mood in the Capitol Health Unit after September 11th.

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But for the most part, you know, that, that unit for the staff was a very small unit, and I think there were maybe 10 or 12 chairs at the most, and so people fluctuated in and out. There, there was not a whole lot of time to talk, talk to people, but you could tell. Those that had real concerns, you know, would want to go in a private room and talk about it, and we tried to get them counseling, EAP counseling, and that kind of thing. But the mood, you know, it was a complete spectrum of mood. People who were angry, people who were sad, people who were frightened. It was, you know, a very broad experience of, of emotions, so. But most people got up and every morning came to work and did their jobs like we were supposed to. The, the memories I have, too, of the leadership, and how, you know, our political leaders seemed to be united, and that was kind of heartwarming, you know, that everybody was on the same page. There were no arguments about what we had to do. We had to recover from this, and the best way to do it was in a cooperative manner, and so, you know, when Joint Sessions, when they had—the President came to spoke, to speak, you know, there was nothing but applause for the things that he had to say, and it, it seemed warm and genuine, that everybody was together, you know. That was a good feeling.