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FAME Church Pastor John J. Hunter joins U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters and a growing list of national spiritual and political leaders condemning the planned Quran burning on Saturday by a small church in Florida to commemorate the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

In a statement issued today, Hunter stated, "America was created as a safe haven for religious freedoms. At this time of remembrance of the 2,977 victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks, it is the role of the church to urge communities to come together across all races and religions and to respect and defend the diversity of faiths of our fellow man. I am surprised and shocked by Pastor Terry Jones' outrageous plans. They do not represent America or American values of religious tolerance and inclusiveness."

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