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At the 2012 ACA Annual Conference and Exposition in San Francisco, CA, The Connecticut Counseling Association was recognized for the workshop, "9/11: A Shared Journey." The following is a transcript of the presentation by ACA President, Don W. Locke:

LOCKE: This morning, I want to start off by speaking about a subject I feel strongly about, ACA's branches. I have been fortunate to visit members in many states during my presidency — and I still have a few states to go before I conclude my term. I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge one branch in particular, the Connecticut Counseling Association.

Last August, they provided specialized trauma-competency training for counselors in anticipation of the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks and the increased emotional reactions to the anniversary.

In keeping with my commitment to the branches, I authorized ACA support for this endeavor and the Connecticut Counseling Association leaders, members, and staff created a workshop to support and educate counselors in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut tri-state area.

The collaboration between our two organizations allowed for enhanced marketing opportunities, the ability to bring in leading experts like Jane Webber and Barry Mascari as presenters, and other financial support.

The program was a success by many measures, including attendee ratings, increases in membership, and excellent coverage by the news media. This type of innovative programming, creative partnering, and commitment to addressing the human condition is a model that could easily be replicated by other ACA branches around the country.

At this point, I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the Connecticut Counseling Association by asking the following people to join me on stage: Deb Del Vecchio-Scully, Karla Troesser, and Pat Giordano.

[Presentation of certificate, shake hands, photo]

Let's give a big round of applause to our colleagues from the Connecticut Counseling Association.