This is a defining

moment for us as a people. This is a defining

moment for this body. This is a

defining moment for the United States

Constitution.

With the civil war in North Africa,

there is no clear and present danger to

the United States of America. Therefore,

in acts of war, the President has a

constitutional duty and obligation to

come to the Congress to seek approval.

For the President to suggest that he

got approval from the United Nations

is offensive, and it’s wrong.

No, Mr. President. Authorization to

go to war comes from the American

people, and it comes from the United

States Congress. We must stand tall

and true to the Constitution. We have

no choice but to vote on this action.

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What is absent in all this discussion,

I’d point out to my colleagues, is I see

no resolution to go to war. I don’t see

a resolution that says this is what we

should be doing.

Please vote in favor of this amendment.

Stand true and tall for the Constitution.

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