Madam Speaker, the

citizens of Mississippi’s Fourth Congressional

District overwhelmingly do

not support the President’s handling of

Libya, and I agree with my constituents.

Our country, our military, and their

families are fatigued by 10 years of war

in Iraq and Afghanistan. The White

House has yet to clearly explain to the

American people why we should commit

more of our precious blood and

treasure to a third war.

Where is the leadership Americans

expect and deserve when it comes to

committing our troops to foreign wars?

With reservation, I will support

House Resolution 292—only because the

United States must honor our commitment

to our friends and allies engaged

in the Libyan conflict. This resolution

gives the President 14 days to explain

to Congress the scope of our objectives

in Libya. If he fails, we should immediately

withdraw our support from the

conflict, and as much as we care for

our friends and allies, we cannot cast

aside the laws of our land.

Mr. President, the American people

and this Congress have questions and

deserve answers. We cannot afford a

failure in leadership when Americans’

lives are on the line.