Mr. Speaker, I rise today in

strong support of this resolution to condemn

the violent repression of the people of Kosova,

and I comment my colleagues—Mr. GILMAN

and Mr. ENGEL—for their leadership on this

issue.

Over the past several weeks we have all

seen the horrible images and listened to the

cries of grief and outrage.

Those who were executed by the Serbian

forces in front of their families last week have

now been properly buried.

We mourn them, and extend our deepest

condolences to the loved ones who survive

them.

It is hard to fathom the cruelty of men who

would randomly shoot people, proudly display

their lifeless bodies like trophies, then bury

them in a ditch.

But that is what we have seen.

It is hard to comprehend how such terrible

hatred can so overwhelm a person, that it

empties them of all compassion and humanity.

But that is what we have seen.

And it is also hard to understand how a

people so brutalized can hang on to hope and

keep going. But the ethnic Albanians of

Kosova will prevail.

For nine years, Serbia has repressed and

harassed them. Now this campaign of terror

has degenerated into open slaughter, and

many innocent people have died.

Today we join together to say: ‘‘No More.’’

This violence cannot continue, and we must

do whatever it takes to stop the bloodshed.

Serbian aggression in Bosnia has taught all

of us a hard lesson: that the United States

and its allies cannot simply remain on the

sidelines.

We brought peace to Bosnia only after we

showed Slobodan Milosevic (pronounced

Slow-buh-dahn Mill-oh-so-vitch) that his brute

force would be countered with swift and decisive

military action.

Now Milosevic must accept that he faces

the same consequences if he does not halt his

campaign of terror in Kosova.

Milosevic must also recognize the legitimate

will of the people of Kosova for a free and

independent state.

It’s been said that you can bury the dead,

but you can never bury a dream. Their dream

of freedom is stronger than ever, and we

stand with them today.