Mr. Speaker, in a perfect world, if

given a simple choice, no rational

human being would advocate war over

peace. No father and no mother would

ever want to send their daughter or son

into harm’s way. No truly civilized

people would ever want to sit idly by

and let their friends and allies be annihilated.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, these

are principled beliefs, all of which confront us at this difficult time. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, today we do not

live in a perfect world. Tonight, however, as we debate the question of giving our President and Commander-in-

Chief Congress’ authorization to conduct war, we must remember the lessons of history. More than 60 years ago,

many closed their eyes, many covered

their ears, or chanted the same chorus

for peace that we now hear. Mr. Speaker, when will we learn that we cannot

trust, we cannot pacify, and we cannot

negotiate with a mass murderer?

Mr. Speaker, humanity cannot afford

ever to experience another Holocaust

as a cruel reminder. Israel is not an expendable commodity.

Tonight, just a few miles from here

near our Nation’s Capitol, a mad killer

lurks. Think of the terror tonight of

those in range of that single madman.

Think also of the terror in Israel, never

knowing true security. I ask the Members, is that the kind of world we want

our children and grandchildren to live

in? I say no, a thousand times no.

That is why tonight I will support

this resolution. I rise in support of the

resolution and our President to ensure

that we do not repeat history, or that

we do not have our children live in that kind of world.