Mr. Speaker, I rise in

support of this resolution for several

reasons.

First, it retains Congress’ constitutional

authority and obligation to publicly

act on any commitment of American

troops or resources to military action.

Unlike the other two resolutions

before us, it does not endow the President

with powers that do not exist in

the Constitution.

Secondly, it promotes a multilateral

solution to the world’s problems. It repudiates

the administration’s recently

announced preemptive doctrine, which

would change the United States from a

worldwide defender of democracy into

a first-strike aggressor on the world

stage.

Lastly and most importantly, it does

not preclude any further action by

Congress, should circumstances

change, despite the hand-wringing that

has gone on about our inability to deal

with future instances.

Of course, the President is free to

come back and ask the Congress for action.

This is best of the three resolutions

before us, and I hope my colleagues

will support it.