Mr. Speaker, last night

the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr.

RYAN) gave a very fine statement on this matter.

In his remarks, the gentleman from

Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) quoted the book

‘‘The Threatening Storm’’ by Kenneth

Pollack, who served as the Clinton administration’s

expert on Iraq. This quotation cuts to the very heart of this

debate by laying out the horrific nature

of Saddam Hussein. It paints a picture that no civilized

person can find acceptable: the torture

of children, the rape of women, the

fiendish maiming of opponents, the

gassing of entire Kurdish villages to

spread terror. Mr. Speaker, these crimes are well

documented. We have eyewitness accounts,

news photographs and videotapes

of gas attacks against the Kurdish

villages. We have first-person testimony

on Saddam Hussein’s reign of

terror within Iraq. It is estimated that

Saddam Hussein has murdered more

than 200,000 of his own countrymen,

generals and relatives included.

Given his record of brutality, there

should be no question what Saddam

Hussein will do once he obtains nuclear

weapons. We must face squarely the

true nature of this tyrant. We must act

to deal with the threat he poses.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues

to vote for this resolution. It is

the right thing for America and humanity.