Mr. Speaker, I rise in

support of this resolution. In dealing

with Iraq, we must act in the best interests

of our national security. Based

on the evidence against Saddam Hussein,

we no longer wonder if he has

weapons of mass destruction or if he

will use them, but when.

Defectors have reported the existence

of mobile germ warfare laboratories.

Dump trucks purchased through the

U.N. humanitarian aid program have

been converted into military vehicles.

Saddam Hussein is an expert in dual

technologies. Computers used in hospitals

can also generate designs for nuclear

weapons. Saddam imports dualuse

technologies and then diverts them to military use.

His regime is founded upon the hatred

of America and Israel, his loathing

for freedom and liberty, and his fear for

democracy. Saddam is driven by the

fantasy to triumph over the free world.

We must implement a long-term solution

to neutralize this threat that Saddam

poses to America, to the free

world, and to his own people.

Military action is not the desired

means of resolving the Iraqi situation.

I do not take lightly the prospect of

sending our young Americans to war.

Force, however, may be an eventuality

for which we must prepare. This resolution

permits the use of force to prevent

a ruthless dictator from using deadly

weapons of mass destruction.

Without regard to U.N. resolutions or

international law he has sought, obtained,

and used weapons of mass destruction

even on his own people. Unless

the U.N. resolutions are backed by

action, he will brazenly frustrate similar

attempts to inspect and disarm his

arsenal. Military consequences are the

only way to stop Saddam Hussein’s

games and force legitimate inspections.