Mr. Speaker, I

rise in strong support of this resolution

authorizing the President to use military

force against those responsible for

the horrific acts committed on Tuesday

of this week.

Mr. President, we are wholeheartedly

entrusting you with the most powerful

military the world has ever known. We

are doing so because we trust him to

use this force with certainty, with

swiftness, with judiciousness, and firmly,

to make it perfectly clear that this

country and the world will not tolerate

again what happened on Tuesday.

Mr. President, I want to encourage

you to continue to work closely with

Congress. This is not just your travails

you face. These are our travails. These

are the travails of the entire country.

Mr. President, we will work together

with you to help you succeed because

your success will be our success as a

country.

There are Members of Congress, Democrat

and Republican, who are anxious

to work with you to address the very

difficult details in terms of the military

issues, the diplomatic issues, the

economic issues, the judicial issues we

all face as we launch into this new

stage in fighting terrorism.

Mr. President, we support you this

evening, and we look forward to continuing

to work closely with you.