Mr. Speaker, I rise

today in support of this resolution. On

Tuesday, unspeakable acts of violence

were committed against innocent

Americans. As we mourn the loss of

these Americans, we stand united behind

our President. I send my condolences

to the families that are suffering.

I am inspired by those who have

given of themselves to assist the victims

of this attack. Civilized society

has long sought to end the use of violence,

but the perpetrators of terrorism

and states that harbor them are the enemies

of civilized society. They only

understand the use of force, and the

time has come to speak to them on

their terms.

Today we will authorize the United

States to strike out against this

enemy. It will be a determined effort,

sustained over time with the full support

and resources of this Nation. Let

our enemies know that we stand together,

one Nation under God, prepared

to pay the price to bring terrorism to

its knees, the price of freedom.