I thank the gentleman

from Illinois for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong

support of this resolution to use force.

Earlier this week, war was declared

on America. Out of the horror and carnage,

America has risen united, resolved

to bring justice to all those responsible

for this evil act. The resolution

before us today authorizes the use

of force against those who planned, authorized,

committed or aided the deadliest

attack ever on U.S. soil.

While I strongly support today’s resolution

in response to the specific attacks

that occurred on September 11, I

believe that we will have to take additional

action to address future threats.

This must only be the beginning of a

comprehensive war on terrorism.

In 1795, British statesman Edmund

Burke said,

The same holds true today.

The free nations of the world must

seize this opportunity and work together

to end the evil of terrorism. As

the rock of freedom in the world,

America must lead the charge.