Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise

in strong support of the resolution, so

that, in the words of Lincoln, ‘‘this Nation,

of the people, by the people and

for the people, shall not perish from

the Earth.’’

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Res. 64—a resolution authorizing the use of

the armed forces of the United States against

those responsible for this week’s attack on our

American homeland.

Our community has been devastated. Families

in each and every town, village and borough

in northern New Jersey are in pain. We

pray for them and promise that we will do all

in our power to find the villains who perpetrated

this crime against them, against our

nation, and against the free people of the

world.

We must be firm. Our investigation must be

quick and retaliation must be certain.

Yes, this is retaliation.

But these are not singularly the objectives of

our use of force. The defense of our democracy—

and our loyal hardworking citizens. The

principle that we will stand tall for the world to

see and defend the rule of law—our law and

international law.

And on the basis of these recognized standards

supported by most governments—including

many European, Asian and Muslim nations—

and every international group—the

United Nations, NATO, the European Union—

as well. They are standing tall and supporting

our defense of liberty and national sovereignty

to ‘‘use all necessary and appropriate force

against nations, person or entities, as clearly

defined in this Resolution.

I stand in strong support of action and am

confident there will be overwhelming support—

if not a unanimous vote—for this resolution.

We must stand tall and firmly state—with

the hammer of force if necessary—to protect

innocent Americans. In the words of Lincoln

‘‘that this nation—of the people, by the people,

for the people, shall not perish from the

earth.’’ (Abraham Lincoln)

We must continue to work together to heal

each other and reaffirm the solidarity so many

Americans have shown over the last few days.

May God comfort those families who have

been devastated by this atrocity.

And may God bless the United States of

America.