Mr. Speaker, I rise to

offer my strongest support for this resolution

authorizing the President to

use all necessary and appropriate force

against those responsible for the terrorist

attack of September 11, 2001.

Today I stand in solidarity with my

colleagues, with the administration,

and my countrymen in defending

America, in promising to seek justice

and revenge on those who planned, authorized,

committed or aided the vicious

agents of evil who carried out

these terrorist attacks. It is a war we

are ready to wage; it is a war we must

win.

America stands ready to fight

against terrorism wherever it rears its

ugly head. Ours is not a war against a

people or a religion, but it is a war

against those that would enslave the

minds of men and sow the seeds of hate

and fear. I am confident that those who

cherish freedom will heed our call to

join us in our fight against international

terrorism, and I am equally

confident that we will make these cowardly

terrorists suffer the wrath of a

determined Nation.

No one can perpetrate such devastation

on the United States of America

and escape unscathed. To these blights

on humanity, let me say this: This Nation

will hunt you down and we will

find you, and when we do, we will hit

you once and, if we have to, again, and

a third time. We make this oath to you

today with a saddened heart, but with

firm resolve. We will be victorious.

Nothing less than our freedom depends

on it.