Mr. Speaker, I rise in

strong support of this resolution.

Tuesday was the darkest day in

American history. Our grief for the victims

knows no bounds. Our compassion

for their families fills our hearts. Our

pride in the rescuers, medical personnel,

and volunteers is endless.

In the aftermath of this terrible assault,

our Nation now faces tremendous

challenges. We have no greater

challenge than to protect our citizens

and our institutions against further

acts of terrorism. Never before has our

Nation faced such an extraordinary

threat to our security and to our way

of life.

By passing this resolution, Congress

stands united with the President in

what may be a long and costly fight

against these forces of darkness and

evil. But make no mistake. We will

prevail.