Mr. Speaker, I thank the

gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, Members should support

this resolution because it affirms

the President’s authority to firmly direct

America as we identify, isolate,

and eliminate the networks of terrorism.

This international network of

terror is a cancer growing on the heart

of every free Nation.

We must hand President Bush the

tools that he needs to defeat our enemies.

We must fortify our Armed

Forces with the certain knowledge that

a united America marches behind

them, and we must convince our enemies

that America will ultimately

vindicate freedom, no matter how depraved,

twisted, or evil our enemy’s

ideology may be.

We do not walk an easy road. Our Nation

faces a long and demanding conflict

with forces of determined evil, but

the fiber of our American spirit and the

strength of our faith will sustain us as

we do what needs to be done to protect

freedom and secure victory.

Every American should anticipate

and prepare for a prolonged and sustained

campaign. They should understand

that this war will be measured in

years, not months. They should prepare

themselves for additional assaults

at home. They should expect casualties

as we take the battle to our enemies.

But they should take pride and draw

confidence from the great reservoir of

American patriotism and resolve. We

are made of sterner things than our enemies

know. We will show the world

that we retain the qualities that made

us the leader of the free world. We will

do it by holding firm to our mission.

Deeds, not words, will save America

and the free world.

When the President draws that sword

of American justice, he needs to do it

with all of us standing right beside

him. Mr. Speaker, this resolution rallies

our Nation behind the President,

and I ask the Members to support it.