Mr. Speaker, I

thank the gentleman from Nebraska

for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong and unwavering

support for this resolution,

for the President and for our Nation.

The events of September 11 have left a

scar on the United States of America, a

scar that may never completely heal.

And part of us will always remain beneath

that rubble, but as we steady

ourselves, from deep within, we look

toward the pursuit of security and justice.

By enacting this resolution, we speak

with one voice. We are united behind

our common cause and against our

common foe. We should not take lightly

the great effort that we set in motion

here today. Indeed, each of us

must give pause in our hearts as we

start the men and women of our Armed

Forces down this path.

But this pause, this reflection should

not be mistaken for hesitation. Our resolve

is undaunted. The attackers of

September 11 meant to unleash fear

and chaos. Instead, they unleashed our

fury.

Mr. Speaker, we do not blink in the

face of this challenge. Our Nation rises

up, and when we clear away the dust

and the smoke, the world can be sure

that the United States will shine on,

the brightest beacon of liberty and

freedom.