Mr. Speaker, I rise in

support of this resolution.

Like my constituents in Marin and

Sonoma counties, I feel a combination

of outrage and sorrow over Tuesday’s

tragic events. I share my constituent’s

wide-ranging conflicting emotions

about what should come next. No doubt

the events of September 11 have

changed us forever; but as I stated

Tuesday, our Nation’s response to

these attacks will also leave an indelible

mark on the American people.

Yes, we are united in our disgust for

the violence that was perpetrated in

New York City and Washington, D.C.,

against our democracy and against our

freedoms. We know that we must bring

those responsible for the attacks to

justice, but my constituents also ask,

do we know what means are appropriate

to accomplish that? They are

pleading with me and with you that we

temper our absolute resolve with wisdom.

Our conscience and our memory reminds

us that a hasty response to

Tuesday’s attacks, just for the sake of

retribution, could mean killing even

more innocent people. That is why my

constituents beg me and I beg this

body, please, do not respond to evil

with evil.