I thank the gentleman

for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in very strong

support of this resolution. As sons and

daughters of what has been called the

‘‘Greatest Generation,’’ many of us

grew up in awe of those giants of the

20th century, common citizens who

performed uncommon deeds of valor

and gallantry that secured our Nation

and the world’s freedom. We thought

bravery of this kind was found only in

our history books and in the memories

of our veterans. This week, our generation

confronts our own challenge, and

it is a challenge of enormous consequence.

Now our generation will be

given the chance to rise to the occasion

and make the ‘‘Greatest Generation’’

proud.

We confront an enemy that is a

threat to the civilized people of our

times. Once our Nation rose to stave

off tyranny. Now we must employ all

our resources to stave off terror and fanaticism.

We will answer this duty, and

we will not go quietly and softly into

the good night.