Mr. Speaker, I rise in support

of this resolution to authorize the

President to take necessary actions

against terrorist nations, organizations

or persons. And in authorizing the

President this power, we must ensure

that we protect innocent people and

nations and that we, as a Nation, do

not use this authority to go back in

time against innocent Americans.

It is time to end this barbaric cowardly

act on our country and Nation.

What happened on September 11 was

clearly an act of war that has landed

on our shores. It has touched the lives

of our country and Nation and many

individuals, individuals such as Cora

Holland, mother of three and grandmother

of two from my district;

Rhonda Sue Rasmusen, who lost her

life at the Pentagon; Navy Yeoman

Second Class Melissa Rose Barnes, who

remains unaccounted for at the Pentagon,

and many innocent civilians at

the World Trade Center and the Pentagon,

as well as those who were on the

flights who were used to commit this

evil horrible act.

We as a Nation will pull together and

build our courage and strength for we

are united and our faith will guide the

President and Congress in dealing with

this horrible act. When America is attacked,

we respond with one voice,

with the full force of our Nation.

I urge support of this resolution. God

bless America.