Mr. Speaker, I rise

in strong support of this resolution authorizing

the use of force. The recent

attacks on the World Trade Center and

the Pentagon leave our Nation horrified

and angry. Our hearts grieve for

the victims and for families who have

lost loved ones to these acts of terrorism.

But through this tragedy, we

will see America at her finest.

The wave of patriotism rising across

the Nation exposes a fierce determination

that we will not back down in the

face of cowardly attacks. These attacks

are solemn reminders that there

are people who begrudge America for

her stands for democracy and freedom.

I fully support President Bush in his

pledge to hunt down those responsible

for these despicable actions and hold

them accountable, and we must hold no

distinction for these despicable terrorists

and the countries that protect

them.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless America.