Mr. Speaker, Americans

are now standing at the crossroads

of history. We must rise to the

challenge.

Will we scurry back to where we

came, or will we hold our heads high

and proud and march forward to battle

those who threaten our way of life?

With this resolution, we have answered

the question.

We will answer senseless slaughter

with the necessary aggression to bring

about its end. We will answer wanton

killing with the belief that we are right

in our belief and our love for freedom.

We will answer hatred with the determination

to preserve humanity. It will

be a long and difficult struggle. But

with the passage of this resolution, let

no one doubt our firmness in defending

ourselves.

We are a united Congress. We are a

united government. We are a united

people. We will succeed. I support this

resolution and ask my colleagues to

support it.