Mr.

Speaker, I stand in support of this resolution.

Tuesday’s terrorist attacks

are unparalleled in our history, costing

thousands of lives in one terrible day,

more than the carnage at Antietam,

more than Pearl Harbor. This was a

carefully planned and skillfully executed

act of war; and we must answer

it with unity and resolve, apprehending

and punishing those responsible, and

any who harbored them or gave them

aid.

In responding as swiftly and surely as

our military might permits, we must

do our utmost to protect innocent civilians,

a principle that stands in stark

contrast to the practice of our brutal

adversaries. We must carry out military

action within the parameters of

the Constitution and the War Powers

Act, as this resolution provides. We

must punish those heinous acts of

Tuesday, acts as close to absolute evil

as any of us will ever witness, and we

must prevent anything like this from

ever happening again—rooting out terrorism

even as we renew our Nation’s

commitment to alleviating the world’s

suffering and injustice and serving as a

beacon of hope to all humankind.