I thank the gentleman

for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, this is serious business.

Tonight, we authorize the use of force.

But we really have no choice, because a

bunch of murderous thugs have extinguished

the life from thousands of innocent

Americans.

This weekend in my home State of

South Dakota in the State capital of

Pierre, veterans of World War II are

going to gather and celebrate the

achievements of what has been called

our greatest generation. My father will

be among them. He and the patriots of

his day knew that American justice demanded

that they rid the world of fascism

and genocide. Their generation

fought and defeated the evil of their

day, and together our generation must

fight and defeat the evil of ours.

I believe I speak for every South Dakotan

in saying that these terrorists

have messed with the wrong country.

They have picked on the wrong kid.

They have murdered our innocent

brothers and sisters. And we will make

it right. There will be justice. I know

that every South Dakotan stands ready

to support our President, to defend and

protect American citizens and American

freedoms. The world will know

that America is strong and there will

be a reckoning.