Mr.

Speaker, as I read the War Powers Act,

the President actually has the authority

to do what we are asking him and

giving him the authority to do in this

resolution because of a national emergency

created by an attack on the

United States or its forces. Despite

that fact, this has got to be the most

difficult vote I will have cast in the 9

years I have been in this body. I am absolutely

terrified that we are about to

declare, or authorize the President to

declare war. But we have got to do it.

That is what our constituents sent us

here to do, to make the weighty decisions,

to cast the difficult votes.

I just hope the President will exercise

his authority with judgment and

wisdom. And I hope that God will bless

America and these decisions.