Mr. Speaker, I

want to thank my good friend from Nebraska

for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, this joint resolution is

well intended, but it does not go far

enough. I regret the President did not

get all the support he needed or wanted.

This resolution should have authorized

the President to attack, apprehend,

and punish terrorists whenever it

is in the best interests of America to

do so. Instead, the resolution limits the

President to using force only against

those responsible for the terrorist attacks

last Tuesday. This is a significant

restraint on the President’s ability

to root out terrorism wherever it

may be found.

Terrorism is not confined to a single

organization or a single group or a specific

sect. All terrorists, even those not

directly connected to this week’s attacks,

are a deadly threat and must be

neutralized. We cannot win the war

against international terrorism unless

we fight on all fronts. This resolution,

while helpful in some ways, ties the

President’s hands and allows only the

pursuit of one individual and his followers

and supporters. I am disappointed

that this limited resolution

does not respond adequately to the

need to protect the lives of freedom loving

people around the world.