Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this

resolution. On Tuesday, our Nation suffered

the most horrific act of terrorism

the world has ever seen. A hostile act

of this magnitude should be viewed as

an act of war against our Nation.

Just as our country and the world

changed in the wake of Pearl Harbor 60

years ago, our future was set on a new

course with Tuesday’s senseless attack

on our citizens. This horrifying act has

united us in a way that has not been

seen in decades. It has inspired the

world to act against terrorism and

strike back.

It is the duty of all of us to honor the

victims of this tragedy by using this

international spirit to do everything

possible to stop the scourge of terrorism.

Our President has shown leadership,

prudence, wisdom, and courage

in his response to the crisis. This resolution

empowers our President and our

men and women in uniform to win this

war against terrorism and ensure freedom

for our country and the world.

As President Bush said, we will respond

appropriately, at the proper time

and the place of our choosing.