Mr. Speaker, I am sad it

took Tuesday’s events to bring out the

patriotism in our country and the need

for military security.

My father’s generation, who served in

World War II, has long expressed to us

the need to be ever vigilant, to protect

our society from the evils of tyranny.

We learned all too well on Tuesday

that that is indeed our mission here in

this Congress, and we execute today

with great deliberation.

I was proud of my President and our

President, George Bush, today in New

York; I was proud of him in the National

Cathedral; and I am proud of our

country. The terrorists may have

taken a bite out of the Big Apple on

Tuesday, but they are the ones that are

rotten to the core.

While we seek not retribution, we

seek justice, and I ask my colleagues

once again, the third time today, to

urge our communities not to take retribution

on those who may be of similar

faith and similar nationalities. Let

us reserve our vengeance for those who

caused the crime, and not by guilt by

association.

I love this country. I am proud of our

Congress, and I am proud of our President.