Mr. Speaker, as the

representative of our Nation’s largest

naval installation and home of the Nation’s

highest concentration of active

duty and retired military, I stand

today in support of this resolution. The

decision to use force against any and

all terrorists will require that many

families in the district I represent will

sacrifice time away from their loved

ones. In some cases, even the lives of

their loved ones may be lost in pursuit

of our goal to rid the world of terrorists,

their supporters and those who

harbor them.

This is very humbling to me; but terrorists

declared war against our Nation,

and, as they have for more than 2

centuries, the people of Hampton

Roads, Virginia, stand ready to defend

our country, to seek out terrorists and

ensure they pay the ultimate penalty

for their acts of evil.

We are a peaceful, freedom-loving

Nation; but we have the right to self defense.

We will defend and protect our

country and its allies by eradicating

our planet of this evil.

God bless America.