Mr. Speaker, I

rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 64.

Today, as Members of Congress, we use

words as our weapons. Tomorrow these

words must be followed through. The

hard work begins.

As Americans we pride ourselves in

our diversity. We come in all shapes

and sizes and colors. We come with

many religious beliefs: Protestant,

Catholic, Jewish, Muslim. But in our

differences we are family. We are different

and proud; but attack us, kill us,

harm us, we are Americans first and we

respond as family.

The gloves are now coming off with

respect to all of the terrorists and their

organizations and the governments

who choose to harbor them. With the

passage of this resolution, the President

of the United States will have the

authority to apply all the military

force he deems necessary to terminate

terrorist threats against this country.

America has stood strong in the face of

adversity and has never bowed down to

enemies and will not start now.

Justice will come in many forms for

the people involved in this attack. We

have yet to see even the tip of the iceberg

when it comes to the retribution

we will exact from the leaders of this

bombing.

Mr. Speaker, I have never been

prouder to be an American. God bless

America.