Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman for yielding me this

time.

I rise in support of this resolution authorizing

our Commander in Chief to

bring the full weight and fury of our

armed services against the evil parties

responsible for the heinous attacks

against our citizens.

Just off the rotunda here in the Capitol

Building stands a statue, a fellow

Pennsylvanian by the name of John

Muhlenberg. In January 1776, this 29-

year-old Lutheran minister gave a sermon

about the fight for independence

in which he quoted Ecclesiastes:

‘‘There is an appointed time for everything.

And there is a time for every

event under heaven; a time for war and

a time for peace.’’ Pastor Muhlenberg

then concluded his sermon by casting

off his clerical robes to reveal the uniform

of a Continental Army officer.

Mr. Speaker, as in the founding days

of our great Nation, the time for war is

upon us. God bless our Nation, and God

watch over our citizens who will be

going into harm’s way.