Mr. Speaker, on behalf

of the people that I have the privilege

of representing in this House, I

rise in strong support of this use of

force resolution. Unfortunately, I am

concerned that it may not go far

enough. It does not go as far as the

President requested or may need.

On Tuesday, America sustained a

cowardly attack. It was a despicable

act of war. Mr. Speaker, the American

people are a peaceful people. We are

slow to anger. But we have been viciously

attacked, and the attack was

unlike any ever known in this world

and in its history.

It will require a very different response.

We must focus our anger and

carefully plan, calibrate, and execute

our response. It must be worldwide and

comprehensive in scope, as well as

massive in magnitude. We must target

and destroy every terrorist and every

terrorist group that aided or supported

the attackers or sympathizers with

their cause.

We must destroy their will to fight,

not out of revenge, but as a matter of

self-defense. Because terrorists do not

defend territory or populations, they

cannot be confronted or defeated using

traditional means. We cannot expect

easy or quick solutions. We must be

prepared for a protracted effort to

eradicate these cowardly terrorists.