Mr. Speaker, I thank my

friend, my colleague, and my congressional

neighbor, the ranking member,

the gentleman from California (Mr.

LANTOS), for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in full support of

this resolution. I do it with a heavy

heart because of what has been imposed

on our Nation. We did not seek

this, but we must act.

I do not believe that we act, and I

know that I do not, in taking this vote,

out of vengeance, because the American

people are good and they are decent.

They are loving, and they have

once again exhibited this face and this

character this week in one of the most

tragic and challenging moments in our

Nation’s history.

I believe that this resolution is consistent

with the War Powers Act, and

that it reiterates the President’s authority

under the Constitution to take

action to deter and prevent acts of

international terrorism against the

United States of America.

I know that this will be long and difficult.

I pledge my allegiance to the

magnificent people of our country, and

I say to the constituents of my magnificent

congressional district that we

will move ahead united and do what we

must in the name of those that gave

their lives this week.

I ask God to bless our Nation and to

guide our President.