Mr. Speaker, Shaw

said, ‘‘Some men see things as they are

and ask why. I dream things that never

were and ask why not.’’ My dream, the

collective dream of all Americans, is a

world at peace, a world in which equal

opportunity for all prevails.

I cannot explain the why of the

events of the past few days, but I can

and will continue to share in that collective

dream of all Americans. As I

see it, this resolution, which we should

and will pass, is not a resolution designed

to promote war, rather it is one

seeking to advance the cause of a secure

world and a just and lasting peace.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Minority leader, my

colleagues, I am proud to serve with

you in this great institution. I am

proud to serve under our commander in

chief, the President of the United

States. But most of all, I am proud of

the strength and the character and the

resolve and the common purpose of the

American people. That character, that

strength, that resolve, that common

purpose is represented here in the people’s

House. We are united. We are

strong. We are determined.