Mr. Speaker, I

thank the gentleman for yielding me

this time.

In times of tragedy, America pulls

together and America gets stronger.

We defeated the forces of evil in World

War II, we turned economic crisis into

economic opportunities and beat the

Great Depression, and we can and will

defeat these forces too.

Every war is different. No challenge

is the same. This will be a battle unlike

any other, fought with new tools

and methods; fought with intelligence

and brute force, rooting out the enemies

among us and those outside our

borders. This war may be different, but

we have the capabilities to win; and we

will not rest until we have wiped the

evil of terrorism from the face of the

Earth.

There is nowhere they can hide where

we will not hunt them. There is nowhere

they will be safe from our wrath.

We will consider any person or nation

who harbors them or aids them or authorizes

their activities to be just as

guilty. If you harbor our enemy, then

you are our enemy. If you help our

enemy, then you are our enemy. Our

resolve has no end. Our commitment is

total.

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That is what we are here to do today:

to stand united, to say to the world

there are no partisans here, only patriarchs.

There is no difference between

Democrats and Republicans, between

the Congress and the President. We are

speaking with one voice.

The resolution we are supporting tonight

authorizes the President to use

the full range of force available from

our military not only to respond to the

terrorist acts on Tuesday but also to

prevent future acts. And we will not be

alone in our battle. The enormous evil

of these acts is uniting the civilized

world behind a common cause because

the attacks on the World Trade Center

and on the Pentagon were attacks not

just against the United States but

against humanity itself.

The civilized world is uniting in this

common fight because there are only

two sides in it: right or wrong, good or

evil. You are with us or against us. No

civilized nation can be allowed to sit

on the fence.

I just came back from the site of the

tragedy in New York City with my colleagues.

I saw the horrendous results of

the terrorists’ unspeakable deeds. And

as I stood at ground zero, I was reminded

of the scenes of devastation

and bombings from World War II. But

what cannot be seen in that rubble are

the broken families and the fatherless

and motherless children left in its

wake. We will not let this stand, because

to let this stand would be to let

civilization itself perish. To let it stand

would be to let evil prevail. To let this

stand would be to lay down our values

of liberty, justice, and freedom.

It has been said that in the long history

of the world only a few generations

have been granted the role of defending

freedom in its hour of maximum

danger. Tonight, we do not

shrink from this responsibility, we embrace

it, and in doing so we send a beacon

of light to the rest of the world.