Mr. Speaker, yesterday

I examined the war-torn Pentagon

site, the lingering scent of smoke, the

ruins of a building, the courageous rescue

workers, including the Montgomery

County, Maryland Search and

Rescue Team.

Tonight, as this debate was taking

place, I was calling families of some of

the Montgomery County, Maryland

victims, victims of the Pentagon attack.

The victims include Michelle

Heidenberger, Todd Reuben, William

Caswell, Darin Pontell, Lawrence

Getzfred, Ernest Willcher, Gerald Fisher,

Lisa Young, Ted Moy. The list goes

on. This is not New York or Pennsylvania.

This is just so far what we have

heard from the Pentagon. There will be

a lot more coming, unfortunately,

throughout this Nation.

We offer our prayers and support to

these families of these heroes. We resolve

to find the perpetrators and punish

them harshly.

Without any question, this terrorist

attack on our liberty and freedom is a

strike against all nations that value

democracy. It is an act of war, but we

will not be intimidated. No act as cowardly

as this one can go unanswered. I

trust the President to act accordingly,

cautiously and appropriately. I will

cast my vote. We must stand in unity,

pledging to defend freedom, unity and

liberty.