Mr. Speaker,

I rise in support of this authorization

for the President to use all necessary

and appropriate force against those nations,

organizations or persons who

planned, authorized, committed, or

aided the terrorist acts committed

against our country on September 11,

and to prevent any future acts of internal

terrorism against the United

States.

Today, Mr. Speaker, along with my

colleagues from New Jersey, New York

and Connecticut, I visited lower Manhattan

and saw firsthand the physical

destruction and I better understand

now the human devastation. The

deaths of our fellow Americans, the destruction

of our sovereign land, and

this act of war against all Americans

cannot and will not go unanswered.

As the President spoke to the world

today from the National Cathedral,

Mr. Speaker, whether the hour be

near or far, we stand united with our

President and with the men and women

of our Armed Forces.