Mr. Speaker, there

were some very bright young people

from the district, here in Washington,

who because of their excellent school

work were off on a trip with their

teachers who died on September 11.

Along with thousands of others they

were the casualties of this act that was

perpetrated.

Today we take this step, and I rise in

support of this resolution, and I rise

specifically on behalf of these children,

for it is our responsibility to provide

for their protection, to provide for

their promise and their potential.

Whatever the perceived real grievance

is of those who took this action,

attacking innocent children and thousands

of other innocent Americans is

unacceptable.

We must respond. We know not what

the tactics or strategy or play of this

engagement will be, but we must act.

Mr. Speaker, I stand and I support

this resolution.