Mr. Speaker, I rise in

strong support of this legislation. This

week America suffered the worst attack

in our Nation’s history. It was an

assault on the American people and a

threat to the fundamental freedom

that is the strength and the spirit of

our strong Nation. There is no reasonable

justification for the vicious attack

that has taken such a toll on the American

people.

Each day our intelligence officials

obtain more information of the facts

surrounding the events of September

11, 2001. It is clear that this was a carefully

crafted plan for tremendous destruction.

The criminals wanted to create

a constant state of fear in American

citizens across our great country.

But the American people will not be

bullied. They will not be cowed. Mr.

Speaker, our citizens are joined together

in prayer, giving of their time,

their love, their resources. There has

never been a greater demonstration of

unity.

With this resolution, our government

also takes a stand. It reaffirms Congress’

support for the President. It protects

the authority of the Congress.

Our Commander in Chief and the Congress

will work together to bring to

justice and to punish those responsible

for trying to bring the United States to

its knees.

We stand tall. We stand proud. We

stand ready to protect our freedom, our

justice, and our liberty.