Mr. Speaker, a

great atrocity has been leveled against

this Nation and its citizens. We must

now seek justice for our Nation, the

American people, and all humanity.

But justice comes in many forms and

the scales of justice must be carefully

balanced.

On one side, we place our commitment

to spare no effort in eradicating

terrorism and punishing those responsible

for these deplorable crimes. On

the other, we balance the responsibility

to hold true to our Nation’s principles,

to be cognizant of innocent life,

and to use military force only when

necessary. This is a difficult scale to

balance, but I believe that we have a

duty to reach the appropriate equilibrium

that justice requires.

I strongly support the will of this

President, Congress, and our citizenry

to defend ourselves against our enemies

with unrelenting force. It is my

only hope that such force will be balanced

and guarantees the justice we all

deserve.

May God bless America.