I thank the gentleman

for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, along with all of my

colleagues and all Americans, I believe

that the United States of America

must respond effectively and appropriately

to this unprecedented attack

on our people and our Nation. This resolution

gives awesome responsibility to

the President of the United States, but

it should not be interpreted as unlimited

power to use force or commit

troops.

This resolution has been carefully

drafted to restrict our response to

those we know to be responsible for

this atrocity. It is not a carte blanche

for the use of force. This resolution requires

compliance with the war powers

resolution which directs the President

to report to the Congress and to consult

whenever possible. These requirements

and this power must not be

taken lightly.

I have thought long and hard about

this vote. I do not want to regret it. I

want to be able to tell my grandchildren

that I voted this night to

make the world safer. I pray that in

supporting this resolution, we are making

the right decision, and I pray that

the President will make the right decisions.