Mr. Speaker, tonight

I rise in support of the resolution

authorizing the use of force to combat

the terrorist attacks of September 11,

2001.

Mr. Speaker, the terrorist acts of

cruelty and inhumanity committed 3

days ago have not weakened our Nation.

Instead, the American people

have forged stronger bonds and have

demonstrated the compassion and concern

that make our Nation great.

United in our resolve, the United

States is prepared to take action

against those who have threatened us.

America has the determination,

strength and courage to combat the

scourge of terrorism. We will identify

the people, powers, and organizations

that have contributed to terrorism, we

will hold them accountable for their

inhumanity, and we absolutely will not

stop. We will succeed.

In the coming weeks, the men and

women in our military and intelligence

communities will be called upon to

serve their Nation. I commend them

for their dedication and their bravery.

I also call upon the American people to

maintain the solidarity demonstrated

in recent days and to focus on the true

enemy instead of targeting innocent

people because of skin color or customs

or beliefs. Americans of all faiths,

races, and backgrounds join in condemnation

of terrorism and together

we shall prove victorious.