Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, under the authority

of the War Powers Act the President already

has the legal right to use force when

this country is attacked—as was the case on

Tuesday when some 5,000 Americans were

killed in an unspeakable act of terrorism. So,

in an important respect, this debate is more

symbolic than legally necessary.

Americans have prayed in churches, synagogues,

mosques and other places of worship

over the last four days. They have prayed for

strength, for courage, for an end to this horror,

and for peace. They have heard sermons that

spoke of love being stronger than hate, of the

forces of good triumphing over evil. I will vote

for this resolution because I believe that the

use of force is one tool that we have at our

disposal to fight against the horror of terrorism

and mass murder. One tool but it is not our

only tool, and it is something that must be

used wisely . . . and with great discretion.

I believe that we must work with other nations

to root out, capture and eliminate the terrorists

who have caused such terrible suffering

in our country and elsewhere. But we must

also understand that widespread and indiscriminate

force could lead to more violence

and more anti-Americanism.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the developing

world must know that we do not hate them,

but only the terrorists who hide in their midsts

and control their lives. By word and deed, we

must show those people that we are on their

side, rather than the terrorists who exploit

them.

Mr. Speaker, the President has an enormous

responsibility. I pray that he uses it well

and that Congress provides him with effective

guidance.