Mr. Speaker, I rise in

strong support of the resolution authorizing

the President to use military

force against the terrorist threat facing

our Nation.

The events of this week will be forever

seared into the memory of this

Nation. The sheer scale of this tragedy

is almost unimaginable. In a single

day, we lost more Americans than

some of our bloodiest battles of our

history, and it happened on our soil.

The shock and horror of these unconscionable

acts have quickly turned into

anger and rage. However, we must put

this all into perspective. By passing

the resolution before us today, we will

show that America will act forcefully

and decisively in the face of unspeakable

evil. The resolution will empower

the President and the armed services

to take the steps necessary to defeat

the forces of terrorism and punish the

culprits who are responsible for these

heinous acts.