Mr. Speaker, I thank

the distinguished gentleman (Mr. LANTOS)

for yielding me this time.

I rise tonight in strong support of

this resolution to grant unprecedented

authority to our President for the first

time in U.S. history to deploy our

Armed Forces against organizations

and persons that are not nation states,

as well as those that are nation states.

We take this step with the certain

knowledge that our first duty is to protect

and defend our Nation against all

enemies, foreign and domestic. Never

have we been more united in our cause.

We also take this step understanding

the character of U.S. foreign policy for

the last century has also yielded levels

of hate against our Nation, by omission

or commission, that demand deep and

immediate reevaluation. We pray for

our people who have had thrust upon

them such unjust suffering. May God

bless America and our allies with wisdom.

Our unyielding causes are freedom

and justice.