Mr. Speaker, I just

returned with some of my colleagues

from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut,

from Ground Zero, at the

World Trade Center in New York City.

It was a terribly disturbing sight; almost

incomprehensible, the magnitude

of this horrific crime. But it was also

an incredibly inspiring, uplifting moment,

and it filled me with a tremendous

sense of confidence in our future.

Confidence? The police, the firefighters,

rescue workers, utility workers,

Armed Forces, volunteers. Together,

I know we, 270 million Americans,

will win this war. United. No one

can beat us.

It will not be quick or easy, but with

the will to do what is necessary for

however long it takes, the people of the

United States of America will triumph,

and I have no doubt about that.

We will prevail because the fire of

freedom burns in us, and makes us unbeatable.

God bless America.