Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, not one Member of this

body ran for election to go to war. We

seek peace. But in the last century,

America has spent the lives of our

young men and women in major conflicts

on five occasions on other shores

to restore peace, and now war comes to

us.

We did not invite this, but we will

not shirk from it. A band of thugs has

visited upon this Nation and upon innocent

American citizens death and destruction,

the likes of which the world

has never seen. It falls upon us to ensure

that not only can it not succeed

on our soil, but that it should not be

tolerated in any corner of the globe.

This resolution gives to our President

the tools to begin a long and arduous

campaign to end this terrorism. It

will not end with the punishment of

one man or group or even one nation

sympathetic to their cause. It will end

with a victory so brutal and decisive

that no one or group, no matter how

much they hate freedom, will dare to

risk repeating the terror they have put

the world through for the last 30 years.

No nation state, no matter how much

they hate America as the world’s most

conspicuous example of freedom, will

find it in their nation’s interest to attempt

to surreptitiously support them.

This will not be quick or easy, but

this is a united Congress, this is a dedicated

President, the American people

are fully committed to our goal, and

we will succeed.