Mr. Speaker, I thank the

gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, today, even as we bind

the wounds as thousands of brave

Americans still work to free those who

are trapped, to care for those who are

injured, to recover those who are lost,

Congress, on behalf of our good and

brave people, must act.

Mr. Speaker, this is the time for our

Nation to lead the world in the fight

against terror, to strike a blow for future

generations for all people against

those who would try to achieve their

goals through violence, terror, and

bloodshed. While these cowardly acts

have shaken buildings, they cannot

shake the strong foundations of our nation’s,

our peoples’ spirit, our great democracy.

Today we show that we are Americans

united, united for our foes to see

and for our friends to see. Today we

show the world that the manner in

which we respond illustrates what

makes America great and shows America

to be good.

I join with all of my colleagues in

Congress in expressing our Nation’s

sorrow and outrage against this evil

event; even more, our firm resolve to

root out terrorism. It will require a

long, hard effort, and a full measure of

wisdom and courage. Those cowards

failed. Our freedom is not our vulnerability,

it is our greatest strength.