Mr. Speaker, I rise in

support of this resolution. I suspect

most Members will support it. As we

have heard from voices throughout the

land, people are looking for swift, revengeful

action from our Armed

Forces.

In my own district, my own constituents

are mourning the death of Army

Major Kip Taylor, who died in Tuesday’s

attack on the Pentagon. I am

sure we all want swift retribution, but

I am reminded of the old saying that

revenge is a dish best served cold.

This resolution authorizes the President

to strike, and to strike hard. But

let us make sure we identify our targets

carefully. Today as we gathered at

the National Cathedral on this day of

prayer and remembrance, we sang the

Battle Hymn of the Republic.

We sang those words that we hope

will send a chill through our enemies:

‘‘He hath loosed the faithful lightning

of his terrible swift sword.’’

Mr. Speaker, the sword we loosen tonight

is indeed terrible. May its aim be

swift and true in bringing us justice

and peace.