Mr. Speaker, we gather

here this evening to declare America’s intention

to exercise her right of self-defense and

her obligation to protect her citizens. I stand

shoulder to shoulder with my colleagues to announce,

through this joint resolution, that acts

of terrorism will not be tolerated. At present,

these cowards may be nameless, well-trained,

well-financed, and filled with hate towards

America, but we will soon know who they are

and they will rue the day they chose to attack

American freedom.

I take no solace or comfort in voting for this

resolution, but I do it proudly. Let there be no

doubt: while we did not seek this fight, we are

more than ready to finish it. America burns

with a seething, unyielding, smoldering anger

that will not be extinguished until it has punished

this ruthless foe.

Never again should Americans wake up to

see their precious landmarks hit by airplanes.

Never again should Americans wake up to see

the symbols of their military strength and superiority

attacked by cowards. Never again

should Americans have to wonder if the symbols

of their cherished democracy are safe. In

short, never again.

I support this resolution with a firm resolve.

We will win this campaign against terrorism.

May God bless the United States of America.