Mr. speaker, on

September 11th, America came face to face

with undisguised evil. We did not blink. What

the enemies of America perceive as weakness,

we celebrate as strength—freedom, tolerance,

democratic governance. No enemy

can ever take these things from us, because

they are ingrained in our institutions, our way

of life, and our very character as a people.

In times of trial, these principles give America

the strength and resolve to meet any challenge,

no matter how great. We will rise to this

challenge as we have done countless times

before. As we mourn our dead, we prepare for

war. Americans are people of goodwill. We do

not seek war, and waging war is something

we do neither with relish nor with joy. But

wage war we must, with all the ferocity and all

the commitment of a Nation roused to righteous

anger. Whether it takes weeks, months,

or years, we will prevail.

To those who have spilled the blood of

American innocents, and those who have harbored

them, our message is a simple one:

You can run, but you can’t hide. America will

track you down, and for what you have done,

you will pay. You will pay. God bless this

House, and God bless America.