Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, September

11, 2001, is a day that none of us in

this Chamber—none of us in this country—will

forget. It is a day when our nation experienced

an attack unlike we have ever seen. Thousands

of lives in our nation were lost and

many, many more were forever changed because

of the despicable and deliberate acts of

terrorists. As we observe this National Day of

Prayer and Remembrance for this terrible tragedy,

our hearts are with all the victims and

their families, and our thoughts and prayers

are with those working so hard to remove the

rubble and hopefully find additional survivors.

We can no longer think of these terrorist attacks

as something that we see on television

that happen only in far away lands. The threat

to our national security is evident, and our response

to the attacks at the World Trade Center

and the Pentagon is critical. It must be

strong, it must be carefully calculated, and it

must be swift.

The time has come for the United States to

make a full force effort to eliminate the terrorist

networks across the globe, and I urge

my colleagues to support this resolution authorizing

the President to use such necessary

and appropriate force against those responsible

for the terrorist attacks on September 11

and anyone or any country who assisted

them.

This is no easy task, but our troops are

ready, and our government stands united,

Democrats and Republicans alike, in our resolve

to end terrorism in the United States.

Yes, Tuesday was dark day for America.

But, Mr. Speaker, it was not near as dark as

the days that lie ahead for the evil perpetrators

who masterminded these attacks. The

American spirit is alive and well, and our commitment

to seek out and take action against

those who would commit such heinous and

cowardly acts is unwavering. We will not allow

these terrorists to alter the kind of world that

our children and grandchildren grow up in.