Mr. Speaker, I rise to join

my colleagues in strong support of this resolution.

All American’s have been reminded that

freedom comes at a price. The citizens of the

United States have fought to sustain one’s

right to remain free, engaging in major conflicts

from our birth during the Revolutionary

War, to the War of 1812, the Mexican War,

Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War

I and II, Korea, Vietnam, and finally the gulf

war.

Each conflict cost precious lives, but those

men and women gave their lives so that future

generations would continue to live under the

blanket of freedom. We all feel the tremendous

loss of life—loved ones, friends, colleagues—

and our prayers are steadfast with

the victims, their families, and those brave

souls who are risking their lives at this very

moment in search and rescue operations.

My colleagues, we are about to vote on a

course of action that again pits hope against

terror—and—freedom against oppression. Our

enemies will never know freedom, because

they are imprisoned by hate—and for that—

they have already lost.

As we stand united behind our President

and with our fellow Americans, I offer the following

reflection: After the attack on Pearl

Harbor, Japanese Admiral Yamamoto lamented

that his country’s action had ‘‘awakened

a sleeping giant.’’ My colleagues, that

giant has awakened again.

For the Lord is my light and my salvation—

whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold

of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When

evil men advance against me to devour my

flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack

me, they will stumble and fall.