Mr. Speaker, I rise today in

strong support of this resolution.

Since the terrible and tragic events of Tuesday,

this country and the rest of the world

have witnessed the determination of the American

people to come together, to rally around

our President, and to transcend the tragedy

that fell our great Nation.

America’s anger at those who planned and

perpetrated these terrorist acts is palpable.

This Congress has stood as one in expressing

our grief over the tragic loss of life, our pride

in those who continue the rescue and recovery

efforts, and our determination to ensure

that those who support the use of terror are

severely punished. Now, we must express our

unified support for the President to take all

necessary and appropriate actions to ensure

that the terrorists and their supporters do not

win in their effort to undermine our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, the President has been forceful

and direct—freedom and democracy are

under attack by a determined enemy. This

battle will take time and resolve, he stated, but

we will win. In our effort to root out the evil

that is terrorism, we will once again call upon

the dedicated men and women who voluntarily

serve our country in uniform. It is their greatness

that gives us confidence in our ultimate

victory.

The fight against terrorism will be a long

and difficult campaign. It requires a serious

commitment. But the President must know that

the Congress supports him by providing him

with the tools he needs to prosecute this battle.

The Congress has already agreed to provide

significant additional funds for the war on

terrorism. Now, in this decisive moment, we

must stand behind our troops and send a

clear signal to our enemies that the President’s

actions have our unanimous support.

Passage of this resolution will send that signal.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support

this resolution, and I yield back the balance

of my time.