Mr. Speaker, I rise

in strong support of this resolution. We must

ensure that our Commander in Chief can bring

the full power of the United States Armed

Forces to bear against the villains who struck

our nation so cruelly the morning of September

11th. We act not out of wrath, but with

the solemn realization that evil must not go

unchecked, that our security must be defended,

and that our liberty must be upheld.

We stand together tonight united in our resolve

to fight the scourge of terrorism and protect

our beloved country and its people. We

understand that it will not be easy and that it

will require sustained action, commitment, and

vigilance. We must steel ourselves for the

months ahead and bear in mind the words inscribed

on the base of the Marine War Memorial

Iwo Jima: ‘‘Uncommon Valor Was a Common

Virtue.’’ They remind us of the character

and courage of those who serve in our Armed

Forces, and I think they also apply to all who

put their own lives on the line in an effort to

save lives during and after Tuesday’s terrible

attacks. Now is the time for valor for all Americans.