Mr. Speaker, Evil. It is a word

we use too lightly. A word we use when horrible,

distasteful, or bad would be more appropriate.

It is a word which should be reserved

for only the most monstrous and inhuman of

circumstances. My colleagues, we have witnessed

evil this week. The twin tragedies in

New York and Washington, the massacre of

innocents, must never happen again. Today,

with this legislation, we are sending the world

a message. We are stating that America does

not recoil in the face of evil. On the contrary,

America rises up.

In the last century we faced down the evils

of Nazism and Communism. Today, we will

face down the evils of terrorism. This evil although

a phantom will not be able to hide. The

basic goodness that we have seen demonstrated

by the firemen, police, military, and

civilians at the rescue scenes reflects the

basic goodness of America. The selflessness,

determination and patience tell us that freedom

will be preserved and triumph over this

threat.

My colleagues, the forces of evil signed a

death warrant for terror last Tuesday. They

have unleashed the wrath of the American

people. The struggle ahead may be a long

one. Ultimately, we will triumph. We will preserve

freedom for future generations. We will

guarantee hope remains for all mankind. My

colleagues please join me in voting for this

resolution. God bless America.