Mr. Speaker, I will miss the

Roll call vote on H.J. Res. 64, which will formally

authorizes the use of military force

against the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks

which occurred on September 11, 2001.

I have scheduled very important meetings in

California over the weekend and Monday with

district employers and employees to discuss

the defense budget and other matters of national

security. These meetings have been

scheduled for some time, and cannot be easily

reconfigured. Therefore, during the vote I will

be unavoidably detained. The events of September

11 were horrific, and I request that the

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I

been present and voting, I would have cast

my vote in favor of the resolution authorizing

the use of military force.