Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of

this joint resolution and in doing so, I stand in

support of the President, the men and women

of our Armed Forces, and Americans everywhere.

This egregious crime has struck the heart

and soul of America but we will not falter or

fail in our ideals and values; we will recover.

This process is underway in the rescue, recovery

and investigative efforts happening in

Pennsylvania, New York, and the Washington

DC, areas.

Last night both bodies of Congress passed

a supplemental aid package to assist the

President in providing necessary aid and support

in the wake of these tragedies. Now, Congress

should give the President the authority

to find and punish those responsible for these

crimes against humanity.

If the goal of these attacks was to demoralize

or scare America and other peace loving

nations, let me be clear in saying that these

terrorists failed their mission. I say to them,

your ungodly actions will be punished. We are

a strong and united America.

The deplorable events that occurred on the

morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001,

were undeniably an act of war. There is no

other way to classify the murder of defenseless,

innocent civilians. I urge my colleagues

to join me in supporting this resolution, giving

the President our support to reinforce that the

use of terror as a weapon will never be tolerated.