Mr. Speaker, I rise today

in strong support of the swift and deliberate

manner with which the President

of the United States launched a

counterstrike this weekend against the

al Qaeda and their government patrons.

By initiating military action in a

timely and overwhelming manner, we

are sending a clear message about the

price to be paid for attacking the people

of the United States of America.

The heroes of this conflict will now

be fashioned, Mr. Speaker, from among

the brave young men and women in

uniform who have been called upon to

defend our freedom. We in this Congress

have given those brave young

men and women everything they need

to succeed. Their duty now is to serve.

Our duty is to pray.

Let us pray for victory, but let us

also pray for the safe restoration of our

soldiers, sailors, and airmen to their

families and friends and communities.

The Bible tells us that God has not

given us the spirit of fear, but a spirit

of power and love, and of a sound mind.

Those who think America trembles

from the East to the West, from the

North to the South, will be proven

wrong, not just at the sound of our

guns, but at the fortitude that will be

demonstrated by the American people

in the days and months and years

ahead as we move toward victory in

this worthy cause.