Mr. Speaker, today, along with the gentleman from South

Carolina (Mr. Sanford), I am introducing a bill which will provide $25

million to arm and train the KLA, the Kosovo Liberation Army. It is

similar to a bill put forward by Senators McConnell and Lieberman in

the Senate.

If we do not want to have the NATO troops on the ground, and let me

say I think troops should be an option here, because we must win the

war and show Milosevic that genocide and ethnic cleansing will not

prevail.

But the only alternative to NATO troops or perhaps to supplement NATO

troops on the ground right now is the KLA. In my opinion, we ought to

be air dropping anti-tank weaponry to them. In the long run, we need to

build them up as a viable force to fight the Serbs and to drive the

Serbs out of Kosovo. Ethnic cleansing cannot prevail.

Milosevic is the problem. He is not the solution. We should not be

negotiating with him. He is going to try to widen this war. We have to

win this war. We must do it now.

In the long range, independence for Kosovo is the only solution. No

partition of Kosovo. I was one of the Democrats that supported

President Bush in the Persian Gulf War. We need to have great support

right now for the President. I regret the remarks of the gentleman from

Pennsylvania (Mr. Pitts). We need to rally around the President, not

divide ourselves.