Madam Speaker, children are our future, and

as our prayers remain with the families in Littleton, Colorado, in the

shadow of the conflict in Kosovo, it is important that we acknowledge

that we can do something. Yes, we can offer our prayers. We can commend

those young people who were brave and courageous and helped their

fellow students. We can give our most heartfelt affection and love to

those who have lost their loved ones.

But we can do other things. I want to thank the gentleman from

Florida (Mr. McCollum) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Scott), as

we just passed out of the Subcommittee on Crime H.R. 1501, which would

include intervention on behalf of those children at risk who need

mental health services, who are substance abusers, and who, in fact,

can be helped.

We need to stop the proliferation of guns. We need to find out why

the Internet allows us to have instructions to build bombs, and yes, we

must teach our children not to hate. I do not think we can stand by

idly and say we do not know what to do, we cannot do anything. We can

lift our voices in prayer, but at the same time, we can fight against

hatred, we can fight against the misuse of the Internet and guns, and

certainly we can help our children who are disturbed and need mental

health services.