I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me, and I

applaud the efforts of the gentleman from California (Mr. Campbell) for

his resolution that forced this debate today. Without his efforts, we

would continue to have U.S. military might, troops and weapons of war

with no congressional deliberation whatsoever.

I support his resolution, House Resolution 82, because the

administration policy is not defined, it is not clear, it is not viable

with its use of force. Indeed, it is hardly existent.

Members have heard people talk about why we are not in other parts of

the world, and excuse it blithely. I cannot. We cannot ignore all these

other conflicts, but that does not give us an excuse, when we had no

policy then, to begin killing people when we have no policy now.

This resolution is of the highest priority because we must exercise

our obligation under the War Powers Act to debate the use of military

force, particularly so in light of the absence of any comprehensive

policy on the part of our administration.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed enough debate. We are going to talk

about spending $13 billion, approving the committal of ground troops,

which we all know is beginning while the debate goes on, and I support

this resolution authorizing House Resolution 82 of the gentleman from

California (Mr. Campbell) because the use of force is not working and

will not work here.

NATO has made matters worse, not better. The administration chose

force as the most probable outcome by our expectations and

deliberations in Rambouillet. The administration left no room for

further negotiation or diplomatic efforts. They chose war. I do not.

Our children, by the way, learn firsthand from our adult behavior.

The Colorado deaths are no coincidence. They are the natural

consequence of what our children see the national leaders in their

adult role models perform.

When the President held a press conference at the school to talk

about conflict resolution, as he was talking, NATO-based troops were

dropping bombs and explaining away civilian deaths as collateral

damage.

These civilians died because of our inability to resolve this crisis.

The Campbell resolution provides that the troops should be withdrawn. I

support this as a first step, not a last step, to bring peace in

Kosovo.