Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for

yielding me this time. I want to commend the leadership for allowing

the two Campbell resolutions to be debated and voted on today.

We are in a precarious situation, maybe the most precarious in a

generation. We are debating whether American blood will again be shed

in a European war started in the Balkans. I believe we have three

options: We can continue the current policy, which is ill-conceived,

meandering and appears to have no comprehensive plan or exit strategy;

secondly, we can declare war on Yugoslavia and follow General Colin

Powell's advice that if we are going to act, we should use overwhelming

force and win quickly.

While I oppose this strategy, I do think it is more responsible than

the first option. The Constitution gives Congress the power to declare

war. Our Founding Fathers lived in a world where kings dragged their

populations into wars with no thought of the cost to citizens. They

wisely wanted to ensure that America was governed differently. If we

believe we should continue this war, then we should have the guts to

formally declare war. I want to thank the gentleman from California

(Mr. Campbell) for recognizing this obligation and for having the

courage to stand up for his convictions.

The third option, which I will support, is a 60-day pullout of our

troops. This is the most logical and sensible option at this point, and

can restart the negotiations that can allow refugees to return to their

homes. The current military action has not stopped the flow of refugees

or helped Kosovo become autonomous. It has only further destabilized

the area and made things worse.

This is not a criticism of our men and women who are fighting in

Kosovo. They are doing their job and they are doing it very well, but

they are fighting with their hands tied behind their backs and

suffering from the effects of years of neglect of our military

infrastructure.

Air strikes do not win wars, and I do not believe the blood of

American troops will end centuries of hatred and mistrust in the

Balkans. I therefore will vote in favor of H. Con. Res. 82 requiring a

60-day pullout.