Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his generosity in

yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, in less than 30 days, 1.6 million Kosovars have been

forced from their homes at gunpoint and torn from their loved ones.

They have been stripped of everything, even their identities, all

because of their ethnic heritage.

Now, some say the suffering Kosovars are not America's

responsibility, that the gang rapes, the burned villages, the mass

graves, they are not our problem. Well, to that I say we represent

history's greatest democracy. We are a superpower at the peak of our

prosperity and our strength.

What is America supposed to do? Are we supposed to look the other

way? Hitler said in the 1930s, ``Who remembers the Armenians?'' before

he unleashed his thugs to exterminate a people.

We stand here because so many of us have come to this well and said

never again, never again would we stand by idly while genocide is

committed. We stand against Slobodan Milosevic not just to stop a

tyrant bent on ethnic cleansing but also against the very idea that

such a barbaric campaign will be tolerated at the end of the 20th

century. We simply cannot and will not let the worst of history repeat

itself.

The NATO air campaign is taking its toll on Milosevic and his

military power. Not only are his bunkers and his barracks cracking

under the allied attack, but so is his domestic support. Just this

week, Yugoslavia's Deputy Prime Minister publicly called on Milosevic

to tell the truth to his people: that the world is against him, that he

is alone, and that he cannot defeat NATO.

Now, my colleagues, is the time for this Congress to come together,

united behind NATO. Now is the time for this Congress to be unyielding

in our resolve. And now is the time for us to send Milosevic an

unmistakable message: Ethnic cleansing will not stand, and we will

persevere.

There are some in this Congress who seek to entangle us in legalisms,

to micromanage military strategy, and to force us into false choices.

Let us reject these traps. Let us reject the Goodling amendment.

Many of us believe that we should have a congressional vote before

sending ground troops, but this amendment ties the hands of our

military commanders and could leave the bordering nations, millions of

refugees, and thousands of our own soldiers dangerously exposed.

Let us reject the Campbell proposal and reject the idea that we can

pull out now and wash our hands of this humanitarian responsibility.

Let us support the resolution offered by my friend the gentleman from

Connecticut Mr. Gejdenson. This is the same bipartisan language the

Senate adopted to support the NATO air campaign.

It will show our resolve to turn back this genocidal tide. It will

show our support for our troops. It will show our support for NATO. And

it will show Milosevic our resolve that his brutality will not endure.