Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

Almost 7 weeks ago I voted to authorize the

President to deploy American military forces as part of a peacekeeping

force in Kosovo if the peace talks then underway produced a settlement.

Mr. Speaker, no peace agreement was reached, no vital U.S. interest

in Kosovo was articulated, no mission defined, no exit strategy put

forward. Without a vote of this House, the planes were launched and air

strikes began. Never before have I been as concerned about the lack of

definition and direction in our Nation's foreign policy. We are in

where we should not be, and no one seems to know the way out.

It appears that the President hoped that the threat of air strikes

would force a peace agreement. It did not. He hoped that the air

strikes alone would detour Mr. Milosevic from continuing his attacks on

Kosovo. They did not. He hopes that the American people are willing to

risk the lives of their sons and daughters in Kosovo. They are not.

Mr. Speaker, hope is not a method. The President has yet to make a

case for our involvement in Kosovo.