Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the

Campbell resolution. As I stand here today, it pains me deeply to know

that right now there are over 500,000 innocent victims from Kosovo who

are running for their lives. These men, women and children have been

driven out of their homes and villages, have been subjected to

organized assaults, brutal rapes, and even assassinations. Some are

living in makeshift camps, sheltered only by blankets and plastic

covering. Some even hide and wait in the forests. Many of their

villages have been burned.

These victims have been terrorized and seen death in the worst

extreme. They are experiencing hunger, sickness, cold temperatures and

terror on many fronts. Some have seen their loved ones viciously

executed. We cannot allow this horror to continue for these innocent

people, without trying to stop it.

Let me be clear: I strongly believe that any kind of physical

confrontation is troublesome and undesirable. However, to simply stand

by, after one has exhausted diplomatic solutions, is even more

unbearable. We have been as reasonable as we can possibly be with the

Milosevic regime, yet he continues these atrocities and continues to

launch a well-executed ethnic cleansing campaign and continues to

commit genocide upon the men and women and children of Kosovo.

I have been told that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice

everywhere, and there can be no justice in America as long as there is

injustice in Kosovo.

We have no alternative, we have no recourse, we have no choice,

except to demonstrate that we believe in peace, and, not only do we

believe in it, but we will work for it.

Therefore, I oppose the Campbell resolution, and urge that we vote

against it.