Mr. Speaker, I rise not to declare war, but to support

our Constitution.

Right now President Clinton is prosecuting a war he was never

authorized to start. President Clinton asked many nations to agree to

attack Yugoslavia, but he failed to get permission from one crucial

country, America. Our Constitution requires that Congress must declare

war, not the President. It also states that Congress, not the

President, defines and punishes offenses against the law of nations.

And the NATO treaty, approved 50 years ago, says nothing about

launching an attack.

It is not the American way to let one man drag us into a bloody

quagmire. I took an oath to honor our Constitution, and I will not

stand idle while the President, again, runs rough-shod over that

Constitution.