Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that the stability of

Europe, which is supported by all of the NATO leaders, is very much in

the interest of America's national security. I would also suggest that

what is extreme and radical is not the action of our NATO allies. What

is extreme and radical have been the actions of the modern day Hitler,

Slobodan Milosevic.

I do not think we should write a blank check in this matter, and this

resolution does not. Let us be clear about that. What we can do in

voting for this resolution though is check the power of someone who has

killed not 3,700, but hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women and

children. How ironic it would be that the NATO leaders who left this

Nation's capital just a few days ago unified to stand up to that reign

of terror would have that unity now undermined by those of us who work

in this Capitol.

Let us recognize that if we stop the air war now, Milosevic wins,

NATO loses; the ethnic cleanser wins, and Europe's stability loses.

Every other two-bit terrorist in the world would be emboldened to

emulate this modern day Holocaust.

If this measure is defeated now, especially in light of the passage

of the Fowler resolution earlier, what we will have done today is this:

We have said we are not yet ready to support a ground war, and now we

are not even sure we want to continue supporting an action of an air

war supported unanimously by our NATO allies.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask Members on both sides of the aisle, please,

in a bipartisan vote, do not send this message to Mr. Milosevic. Let us

send him a clear message, that while we are not quite sure if we want

to commit to ground troops today or any day, we do not believe that

God's gift of life and liberty stops at the American border. Let us

support this resolution.