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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CANTOR), a member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a dark day that will be remembered for its unique horror and tragic loss of life. I ask for continued prayers for the families of the victims, President Bush, Vice President CHENEY, and members of our armed services as they lead America in this time of crisis.

The attacks yesterday are an act of war, and retribution must be swift, sure, and overwhelming. But retribution is not enough. Our ultimate goal must be to identify and destroy the state-sponsored international infrastructure supporting these terrorists who have attacked the U.S. and its citizens.

On Ronald Reagan's first day in office, he told a relieved Nation, upon news that American hostages were released after 444 days of captivity, "The price of freedom at times has been high, but we will never be unwilling to pay that price."

We must continue to rally behind President Bush. The price of freedom is high for Americans, but a price we pay as defenders of the brightest beacon of freedom and opportunity this world has ever known.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, at this time of profound sadness and tragedy in our Nation, I rise with my colleagues in strong support of the resolution before us to condemn the treacherous attacks against our Nation and upon the thousands of our fellow citizens.

My heart and deepest condolences also go out to all the families whose members are missing loved ones as a result of these despicable acts. For those firemen and law enforcement officers, pilots and stewardess, who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to risk their lives in order to save others, our Nation stands forever grateful for their services and tremendous sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation mourns its sons and daughters who have died in this senseless tragedy, and our country must stand more united than ever before. We must support the President in using all means and resources to identify, to pursue, and to punish the persons and organizations responsible for these attacks.

Mr. Speaker, a noted expert on counterterrorism, Professor Yonah Alexander of the Potomac Institute, has

long advocated that the world's democracies must develop an effective strategy to face this terrible challenge against international terrorism. Professor Alexander notes, and I quote, "The only light at the end of the tunnel is for a number of nation states and responsible governments to take concerted action against terrorism. Terrorism against one is terrorism against all, regardless of the blood spilled. It is the same red blood. To combat terrorism, no country can deal with this unilaterally without cooperation and support from others."

Unless a global antiterrorist strategy can be worked out, Professor Alexander concludes that the existence of civilization itself is seriously at risk.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of yesterday's disaster, I want to commend Secretary of State Colin Powell and President Bush in their efforts to call upon all the leaders of the world for a coordinated international response to terrorism. This is no longer a national or a regional issue. This matter should and must require the support of all freedom-loving nations of the world.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN).

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution. Yesterday's tragic events in our Nation have deeply wounded our hearts. But at the same time, this tragedy has strengthened our resolve to prevent these terrorist acts from ever happening in the future.

As proud Americans, we have united in times of difficulty; and, as in the past, our strength will allow us to prevail in winning the war against terrorism and evil acts against humanity.

We support President Bush in actions that he has taken and will take to protect America and Americans. We also pray for the victims and for the families of those who lost loved ones in yesterday's tragic events and those first responders who have risked their lives so that others may live.

We will not allow terrorists or their cowardly acts of violence to weaken the soul of our Nation. We will move forward to continue our quest worldwide for a peaceful and lawful society so that we can forever eliminate such terrible crimes as we have all witnessed yesterday.

God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE), the distinguished ranking member of the Subcommittee on Africa.

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's tragic events touched the residents of my congressional district in a profound and personal way. United

Flight 93, one of the fateful flights on that most horrifying of days, departed Newark International Airport, which I represent, carrying innocent passengers who would become pawns in the most senseless act of terrorism that you can imagine.

In addition, thousands of New Jersey residents travel back and forth each day from Penn Station, in my home city of Newark, to New York, where many hold jobs at the World Trade Center. This morning, families in New Jersey communities continue the agonizing wait for word on the fate of their loved ones.

As we struggle to comprehend and confront the magnitude of this shocking attack on the United States, let us, above all, remember the victims, the employees, the volunteers, the visitors, the firemen, the policemen, the EMTs, who put their lives on the line. Let us put a human face on this tragedy which claimed the lives of so many people, who shared the everyday dreams and hopes we all have, people who only wanted to live their lives in peace, to see their children grow up healthy and happy.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of the victims who are suffering such immense pain. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing appreciation for the humanitarian efforts of all those who have stepped forward to offer assistance in this time of need. Please join me in praying for all of the families who have suffered the loss of loved ones or who still anxiously await news about survivors.

This is the time to come together and to reaffirm that we will always remain one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL).

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday Americans were awakened to find ourselves in a war, attacked by barbarians who targeted innocent civilians. This despicable act reveals how deep-seated is the hatred that has driven this war.

Though many Americans have just become aware of how deeply we are involved in this war, it has been going on for decades. We are obviously seen by the terrorists as an enemy.

In war there is no more reprehensible act than for combatants to slaughter innocent civilians who are bystanders. That is what happened yesterday.

If there is such a thing, a moral war is one that is only pursued in self-defense. Those who initiate aggression against others for the purpose of occupation or merely to invoke death and destruction are unforgivable and serve only to spread wanton killing.

In our grief, we must remember our responsibilities. The Congress' foremost obligation in a constitutional republic is to preserve freedom and provide for national security. Yesterday

our efforts to protect our homeland came up short. Our policies that led to that shortcoming must be reevaluated and changed if found to be deficient.

When we retaliate for this horror we have suffered, we must be certain that only the guilty be punished. More killing of innocent civilians will only serve to flame the fires of war and further jeopardize our security.

Congress should consider using its constitutional authority to grant letters of marque and reprisals to meet our responsibilities.

Demanding domestic security in times of war invites carelessness in preserving civil liberties and the right of privacy. Frequently the people are only too anxious for their freedoms to be sacrificed on the altar of authoritarianism thought to be necessary to remain safe and secure. Nothing would please the terrorists more than if we willingly gave up some of our cherished liberties while defending ourselves from their threat.

It is our job to wisely choose our policies and work hard to understand the root causes of war in which we find ourselves.

We must all pray for peace and ask for God's guidance for our President, our congressional leaders, and all America, and for the wisdom and determination required to resolve this devastating crisis.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), the distinguished dean of the House of Representatives.

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I support the legislation before us. I note that it expresses sympathy for the innocent victims and their families. I support it because it expresses support and sympathy for the firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel, and their families, who have served and who have lost their lives in their attempt to save others. It is to be supported because it supports our country and our American ideals, and I support the President's efforts in implementing this.

We are dealing here with an act of war.

You know, Mr. Speaker, I am probably the only Member of this body who remembers the Declaration of War during World War II. I would note that less Americans were killed at Pearl Harbor than were killed yesterday in Washington and New York.

This is a declaration of war upon the United States, and while it is that we do not know exactly for sure yet who it is that has done this, this Nation has a serious responsibility. The first is to find out who did it, and then to address this matter with all force and vigor, because without this, we will never know peace again.

In addition to this, Mr. Speaker, it will be necessary for us to protect the civil liberties of Americans. We have some mistakes in our background: what we did to German-Americans in World War I, what we did to Japanese-Americans in World War II, and German-Americans and Italian-Americans in World War II. Those things cannot be done in this instance, and we must indeed see to it that we protect the great constitutional and indeed religious principles with regard to treating our fellow Americans well and properly.

This is a time for national unity. This resolution expresses that unity.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I say this: let us get about the great and the terrible business at hand. Let us identify the wrongdoers, let us punish them in all proper way. There will be no peace until such time as we have done so.

God bless the United States and the people of the United States.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER).

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, I join all of my colleagues, all of my fellow Americans, in prayer and condolences for the victims of yesterday's horrible tragedies. All of us know someone who was directly hurt by that senseless violence. I talked to a constituent, an older woman, whose son-in-law worked in the World Trade Center, and, as of mid-afternoon yesterday, still did not know his fate. We all keep those victims and families in our deepest prayers.

Yesterday was the most horrific attack against our nation in history, period. Today, shock turns to anger, and our challenge is to turn that anger into true resolve.

First, we must use all of our collective efforts in the rescue and rebuilding operations. There are heroes in New York and the Pentagon on the front line of that now; and we must give them all of the resources necessary and rebuild, including rebuilding the World Trade Center.

Second, at the same time, we must resolve to use all of our efforts to defend against any similar attacks, and our government is doing that.

Third, we must hunt down those responsible.

History is littered with instances of nations preparing for the last war. Let us all learn that lesson, even if a day late. Let us be clear when we use the phrase "war," it is not a turn-of-phrase, it is not a war against drugs, we mean war. I mean identifying the persons and organizations and nation-states involved, formally declaring war on all of those persons and entities, and prosecuting that war to its full conclusion.

God bless America.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY), the ranking member of the Sub-

committee on International Operations and Human Rights.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, we stand here today mere miles away from a tragedy that shook our Nation and left many shocked and angered by an act of unprecedented brutality on America's shores.

As we emerge from the incomprehensible darkness into the light of this day, let us concentrate first our prayer and mourning, our sadness and our sorrow, for the victims of this unimaginable horror, and then, second, send our prayers, support and heartfelt thanks to the courageous police, firefighters, and medical staff who have made great sacrifices, and, in some cases, given their lives, to care for the injured and take care of our dead.

In our search for understanding and truth, we should remember that now, especially at this time of need, it is truly our reliance on a higher power that will see us through. So as we pray to our God, let us not forget that real security and real peace come through justice; that fear and prejudice divert us from our true and righteous cause; and that we are a country that stands for the rule of law.

The perpetrators of this crime can and will be dealt with. We must be careful not to rush to judgment and must ensure that when we strike back, we deliver a blow against those truly responsible for these terrible crimes.

President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell have steered us on a prudent course. Now is the time for us to trust their leadership.

Father Coughlin reminded us this morning of the guidance that is available to us from God. He reminded us to build this and every day on a foundation of justice, and to mourn our dead with acts of compassion.

My prayer for America today is that we heed Father Coughlin's call, that all of us Americans will soon join together and rededicate ourselves to the fight to defeat racism and to further justice at home and abroad with an unbounded commitment to freedom, justice, peace, and security for us all.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA).

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a broken heart, torn between great sorrow and great anger in support of this resolution.

I have no words sufficient to express my total contempt for the cowards who perpetrated this horrific act of terrorism. In fact, I believe America has no words sufficient to express their contempt for the cowards who perpetrated this horrific act of terrorism against the people of America.

I would cite the President's words of earlier today, when he said, "The deliberate and deadly attacks which were carried out yesterday against the country were more than acts of terror, they were acts of war."