center will provide these students with valuable tools to gain and maintain jobs, live independently and function responsibly long after they leave school. Their efforts also will greatly improve the entire community by unlocking the potential of those whose unique gifts might otherwise have gone untapped.

Throughout the years, the tremendously capable and hard-working leadership and staff of the Saginaw Intermediate District have championed cost-effective and efficient communications among local school districts and sought new and better methods to achieve that goal. To that end, they developed the Saginaw Fiber Optic Network at the Transitions Center. This telecommunications network connects local districts with the Intermediate District. Establishing such cost-saving measures has freed valuable local school funds for other needs, giving students and teachers the money for assets they desperately needed.

The facility also includes the Instructional Services Department and Teacher Training Center, which together help local school districts and educators retain and improve proficiency in the development and implementation of curriculum and leads the way in many areas of professional training.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing appreciation to Superintendent Lane, Board members and staff of the Saginaw Intermediate School District for their vision and dedication to the educational needs of the entire region. I have faith that their work will serve as a beacon for others and that they will continue to seek, find and implement many more methods for the betterment of schools, teachers and students everywhere.

Mr. Brown of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today we have the opportunity to come together, with one voice, to stand up for what this great country means to all Americans. We owe it to the victims of Tuesday’s attack; to those who continue to sacrifice in response to that attack; to those in our Armed Forces who we call on to defend us; to all Americans who dearly love their country; and to all future generations of Americans.

I urge my colleagues to make the vote on this resolution a symbol of a unified voice of freedom. We must prove to the entire world that the United States of America—as one nation, under God—will continue to be a beacon of freedom, hope, and dreams.

Above all, may all Americans take heart as their federal government moves forward, as a collective body towards their precious freedom. The use of force is justified to eliminate this menace of terrorism, and America will prevail.