I thank the gentleman for

yielding.

I rise in strong support for H. Con.

Res. 51. We need to pass this resolution

to send a very strong message.

We have been told by those who oppose

this message that we should not

have an abrupt withdrawal from the region,

but I would strongly suggest that

what we should be talking about is the

abrupt and illegal entry into war.

That’s what we have to stop. Since we

went in abruptly and illegally, we need

to abruptly leave.

It has also been said by those who oppose

this resolution that they concede

that Congress should assume its prerogatives

over the war powers but to do

it gradually. I would strongly suggest

that when we took our oath of office

we assumed that radically and suddenly.

We took an oath of office to

obey the Constitution, not to defer to

the United Nations, and that we already

have assumed that responsibility.

I would also suggest, if we do nothing,

if we do not pass this resolution, it

is the sin of omission that we commit.