I thank the gentleman

for yielding.

I rise today in support of the

Kucinich resolution. I had hoped to be

able to support the Boehner resolution.

I share the Speaker’s concern that a

precipitous withdrawal called for by

the Kucinich resolution sends a less

than optimal signal to our NATO allies.

Yet, while we are on the subject of

signals, I am far more concerned about

the puzzling, confusing, mystifying signal

that we send by passing a resolution

that affirms that the President

has not fulfilled his constitutional or

statutory obligations, yet offers no

remedy, only a mild rebuke, followed

by a questionnaire.

Madam Speaker, I was here in 2001

when we authorized the use of force to

enter Afghanistan. There was just one

dissenting vote. When a genuine threat

to our national security is perceived, it

has been the longstanding practice of

Congress to support the administration

in its actions. The greater threat

today, in my view, is the perpetual acquiescence

of this body, in situations

such as we face today in Libya, where

we tolerate the use of military force

when the threat to our national security

is less obvious.