I thank the gentleman

for yielding.

I rise in support of the Boehner resolution.

I am not here today to argue whether

or not we should be in Libya. That is

an argument for another day. What I’m

here today concerned with is how we

got into Libya, because I think that

was a very important precedent.

We went into Libya on March 19, Operation

Odyssey Dawn. Just 12 days

later, a House committee met and Secretary

Gates was there and I made this

statement: ‘‘I’m among many people

who feel that President Obama has involved

the United States in an unconstitutional

and illegal war in Libya.’’

That same day I dropped H.R. 1323,

which asked the President to find offsets

in non-defense discretionary

spending to pay for the war in Libya

that was not authorized by the Congress

because we have no money, and I

shouldn’t ask my kids and my

grandkids to pay for that war. This is

not the king’s army. The power to

move our Army into Libya is not inherent

in Commander in Chief. If it

were, they would not have put in article

I, section 8, the responsibility of

the Congress to declare war.

This is an unconstitutional and illegal

war. I think it sets a very dangerous

precedent, and I hope that we

make that very clear in our deliberations

today.