Mr. Speaker, I rise in

support of this joint resolution between

the Senate and the House. As I

have sat here and have witnessed my

colleagues, I have seen great resolve

uttered in this Chamber and the swaggering

display of courage.

I can share with my colleagues, as a

veteran of the Gulf War, that war may

be glorious in verse or prose, but in reality

it is not. We are about to send

America’s finest, and that means men

and women will die. It will be a noble

cause, but we must remember the resolve

of this moment, because in war it

is chaotic. Not everything is going to

go right. We cannot be 400 and 500 generals

between the House and the Senate.

The solidarity and resolve we have at

this moment we have to remember at

times when it gets tough, when we

have to stand with a constituent in a

lonely place at a burial service. We

must make sure that we take care of

the loved ones afterwards. And taking

care of them means we resource them

and we are patient and we are in this

for the long haul.

We cannot have the bravado of today

and then run at the first sound of the

guns. We have to stay the course and

see it through. Please, when it gets

hard, remember this day.