Mr. Speaker, I join my

colleague this evening, the gentleman

from Texas (Mr. BRADY). He and I for

some time have wanted to get together

and have a discussion on the House

floor with our colleagues and discuss

the central issue of Iraq.

As Members know, this evening is a

very important point in time in our

history. Tonight at 8 o’clock the what

I would consider generous offer for Saddam

Hussein to take his regime and

liberate the country of Iraq expired. I

would expect that at any hour from

here on forward that the United States

and its willing coalition, and I will

present to my colleagues that this willing

coalition actually today exceeds,

exceeds the size of the coalition of the

first Persian Gulf War.

This is not the United States acting

alone, in contrary to some of the previous

speakers that we have heard up

here. Contrary to what they are saying,

this is not the United States taking on

the world; this is the United States and

a large part of the free world taking on

the horrible regimes of people like Saddam

Hussein.

Contrary to what some of the previous

speakers said about standing silent,

it is the United States of America,

it is the United Kingdom, it is the

Spanish, it is the Italians, it is the

Turks, it is the Netherlands, it is the

Polish, it is the Hungarians, it is the

Netherlands. I could go on through 45

of those names. These people are not

standing silent. They are willing to

stand up to a horrible monster, and

they are willing to make sure that that

horrible monster does not stand down

the people of his own country, nor

stand down the people of the world. For

that, the United States and all of its

allies deserve a great deal of credit.

Last night when I addressed this

House, I talked about what I felt was

patriotic action by citizens of this

country and unpatriotic action. It is

my feeling that it is certainly within

the rights of our Constitution, it is

something that people have fought and

died for, the freedom of speech. While I

disagreed with the likes of people like

Martin Sheen, and George Clooney, and

the Dixie Chicks, and Cheryl Crow and

some of the people like that, although

I disagreed with the brash, unjustified,

unstudied, uneducated statements that

they made, in my opinion, I am exercising

my freedom of speech, and I did

not take away from them the right to

express those feelings.

I do not take away, although I find

very hard to swallow, I do not take

away from the right of anybody that

wants to march in a peace protest or

have a sign of protest. I do, however,

find it somewhat ironic and somewhat

sad that many of these people, including

some of my colleagues on this very

House floor, spend more time bashing

our President who I think has done a

remarkable job in the leadership understand

a tremendous challenge,

spend more time bashing the leadership

of the country which has given them

all of their privileges than they spend

bashing the monster, the man who has

killed more Muslims than anyone in

the history of the world. That is ironic.

But then again these people, I think

there are people that truly believe in

this protest. And I think that they are

within their rights, and I do not think

they are unpatriotic because they

march out there. But where they cross

the line, where that line is crossed is

when our troops engage and it is upon

that moment of engagement that every

person in this country that protested

this, the George Clooneys, the Hollywood

superstars, the Sheryl Crows, the

Dixie Chicks, ought to drop those signs

and ought to be in complete and unanimous

support of our troops. And if you

are not willing to support the troops of

the United States of America, and I

will state this again 50 times as I stated

this last night and I will say it

again now and I will say it till the day

I die, if you are not willing to stand for

the troops of the American forces, for

those young men and women throughout

the world that are standing on behalf

of the security of this country and

our allies, then you are unpatriotic and

you have crossed that line. And there

is a line between patriotism and being

unpatriotic, and that line will be

crossed within the next few hours if

people like Martin Sheen or Sheryl

Crow or George Clooney decide in their

own manner, I will not support the

troops of the United States of America.

How interesting I see the Oscars, the

Academy Awards that are coming up.

And by the way for people like Julia

Roberts, some of these people that

have taken positions, let me tell you, I

think they are outstanding actors but,

you know, you cannot be a master of

all trades. And they certainly are not

masters of foreign knowledge or foreign

affairs. They ought to stick with

acting. And I hear that some of these

actors who are amongst the very privileged

few of this country, take a look

at Hollywood, these are amongst the

very privileged few. They get money.

They get limousines. They are welcomed

at the Academy Awards with

red carpet. They are treated. They are

spoiled. Anything you want to take a

look at. It is not to say they did not

earn it. I am not saying they did not

earn it. I am just saying they are a

very privileged few; and, frankly, those

privileges that are then bestowed upon

them have been bestowed because they

live in the greatest country in the history

of the world.

Do you think in Iraq these people,

George Clooney, could stand up and

criticize the government? Do you think

Martin Sheen, Martin Sheen would

have been executed by Saddam Hussein

a long time ago. Do you see any pictures

in the Iraq paper of anybody protesting

the policies of Saddam Hussein?

Of course you do not.

How interesting that Saddam Hussein

says he has free elections in Iraq

and in the last election he did not have

one ‘‘no’’ vote. Out of the millions of

people in Iraq not one ‘‘no’’ vote. Now

that ought to tell Martin Sheen something

about a democracy. And those

people that are going to stand up at

the Academy Awards and think it is

their God-given duty, not right, not

right under the Constitution, but their

God-given duty to stand up and not

support the troops of the United States

and criticize the country that has allowed

them to have the privileges that

very few in our society ever dream of

having, and that is to go to the Academy

Awards and get an award and they

are going to criticize this country. I

find that appalling. I find that so, so

disappointing.

But on the other hand, there are a lot

of people who do support the troops of

the United States of America. I want

to show you a commercial. It is titled

‘‘Freedom,’’ and I think it is very appropriate.

I think it is very appropriate

for what I am talking about right now,

and that is appreciation of the history

of this country, appreciation that the

United States of America has done

more good for more countries than any

other country in the history of the

world. This country gives by far more

aid dollars than any other country in

the world. This country has given more

lives of its servicemen and

service people than any other country

in the world in defense of other countries.

This country is not a conquering

country. When the rest of the world

gets in trouble, they come to the

United States of America. They come

to Great Britain. They come to the

British and the Spanish. This alliance

that we have put together to go in and

cut the head off the snake is a coalition

that has built respect, that has

put the best example forward for the

rest of the world. This country is a

great country.

I had the privilege today of talking

to some college students. What a great

generation coming up. And I want to

first have my colleague speak for a few

moments, but after he speaks I want to

go through some of the questions they

asked me. They have got so much

promise, and they were so proud of this

country. And they were not necessarily

prowar to be proud of this country. You

do not have to be prowar.

I heard the preceding speaker up here

talk about war. We should not have

war. War is the last resort. Of course

war is the last resort. Of course it is.

But what recommendation do you have

that is going to change things right

now? You do not have it. You like to

blah, blah, talk, talk, negotiate, negotiate,

negotiate some of you people,

but the fact is at some point in time

somebody has got to have the courage

to stand up and attack the cancer. You

cannot play around with cancer. You

cannot talk it to death. You need to

get in. You need to diagnose it. You

need to figure out what alternatives

you have, but if the facts show up that

you have no alternatives left, you better

attack cancer. And it is the same

thing with people like Saddam Hussein.

Imagine what this world would look

like, just for a moment, even if you disagree

with what I am saying this

evening, tell me what this world would

look like in 5 years if the United States

stood down from Saddam Hussein. Tell

me what the world would look like.

Tell me what the world looks like

today in Iraq. Tell me about the

women in Iraq today. Tell me what

privileges they have in that society.

Compare it to the privileges given to

the Hollywood celebrities at our Academy

Awards, for example. Tell me

about the health care in Iraq. Tell me

about the criminal justice system

where they put men through shredders,

well, maybe women too. Tell me about

the abuses in that. Tell me about the

starvation in Iraq. There are a lot of

comparisons we can make. And you can

be very proud, very proud that we are

all lucky enough by sake of birth, we

are lucky enough to be citizens of the

United States of America, but it comes

with a price. We have got to be willing

to stand up and defend this flag that

stands behind us.

I want to refer over here to my poster

to the right of what I said earlier.

Freedom. Is it not funny, this is from

the former Senator, U.S. Senator Fred

Thompson. Freedom. ‘‘It is the soldier,

not the campus organizer who has

given us the freedom to demonstrate.’’

Look at that line. It is the soldier, not

the campus organizer who has given us

the freedom to demonstrate. It is the

soldier not the reporter, not the reporter,

it is the soldier, not the reporter

who has given us the freedom of

press. It is the soldier, not the poet

who has given us the freedom of

speech. It is the soldier, not the poet

who has given us the freedom of

speech. It is the soldier who serves

under the flag who defends the protesters’

right to burn the flag. It is the

soldier who stands under the flag and

defends the flag that gives those protesters

that right to burn the flag. Is it

not time now to demonstrate that we

support our troops? Were it not for the

brave, there would be no land of the

free. Were it not for the brave, there

would be no land of the free.

The Martin Sheens of this world, the

George Clooneys, the Julia Robertses,

the Dixie Chicks, the people that have

come out, the Howard Deans of

Vermont, people like that, it is time

for you to put down those signs of protest.

It is time for you to support the

troops of the United States of America.

And if you fail to support those troops,

I mean now, I mean today, this time

limit is gone. At any given moment

this Nation will engage in a military

conflict. And let me repeat it once before

I yield to my good friend from the

State of Texas. Failure to support the

troops of the United States of America

by a United States citizen is representative

and by definition unpatriotic.

Now, you can call my office all you

want. You can be as mad as you want

at me; but the fact is I believe in my

heart that patriotism is defined right

here, allows the campus organizers because

of the soldier to have the freedom

to demonstrate. Allows the poet

the right to freedom of speech. Allows

the defenders of the protesters’ rights.

But once we cross this line, once we

ask these 18-, 19-, 20-year-old young

men and women to take a weapon and

risk the loss of their life, and, mind

you, these are voluntary forces over

there. This is not the draft. These are

voluntary forces, the best fighting

force the world has ever known. Once

we ask them to stand on our behalf and

to put their lives in the line of fire,

then, by God, in my opinion you are

unpatriotic if you do not support those

troops.

Now, I am very pleased this evening

that I have a colleague of mine who

wished to join me and we wanted to do

this as a joint statement. So I am very

happy to yield to the gentleman from

the State of Texas (Mr. BRADY).

Mr. Speaker, I hope

the gentleman can stay around here for

a while. I think this is a very good discussion.

I want to point out something.

I was moved by his remarks. On Sunday,

there is going to be a special event

in this country. On Sunday, we are

going to have some of the privileged

few of this country attend a ceremony

called the Academy Awards. Today

throughout the news, I read about how

different people that were going to attend

or perhaps even receive an Oscar

at the Academy Awards were preparing

these antiwar, anti-U.S., anti-American

troop statements to present.

I want the people that are watching

me and my colleagues this evening, on

this floor, I want you to keep in mind

that on Sunday as these movie actors

such as George Clooney or Sean Penn

or Julia Roberts or some of these other

people, Martin Sheen is probably at the

very head of that, as they pull up to

the Academy Awards in their white

limousines and walk on their red carpet

and toast amongst the finest wine

in this country, as they are in there on

that stage being televised across this

country on the Academy Awards, I

want you to know that young American

men and women could very likely

be dying in the battlefield, dying to defend

a country, dying to liberate another

country, standing up for everything

that this Nation believes in, a

Nation that with its allies is willing to

stand up and meet the challenge, to

meet the cancer as it comes.

I will be very, very disappointed, and

I hope the rest of America joins me in

their disappointment if on Sunday during

the Academy Awards that these

people, the sponsors of the Academy

Awards, the Motion Picture Association,

the industry as a whole, if they

stand there and allow these very privileged

individuals, very privileged few

amongst our population, condemn this

Nation, condemn this administration,

and in essence condemn the forces of

the United States while, in fact, we

have young men and women dying on

those battlefields, and that could commence

almost immediately.

Thank goodness there are nations

like the United States of America and

the British and the Spanish and the

Italians and a number of other countries

that are willing to stand up when

good should rule over evil. They are

willing to stand up and take on evil

even though it is at the risk of their

own life, at the risk of the safety of

their own Nation, and how unfortunate

that some people in the background

who are safe in the foxhole take it

upon themselves to come up with theories

about how wrong the people that

got out of foxhole are.

Again let me go back to the ad that

Fred Thompson is running on TV.

Freedom. It’s the soldier, not the campus

organizer, who’s given us the freedom

to demonstrate. It’s the soldier,

not the poet, who has given us the freedom

of speech. It’s the soldier, not the

reporter, who’s given us the freedom of

press. It’s the soldier who serves under

the flag who defends the protester’s

right to burn the flag. Isn’t it time now

to demonstrate that we support our

troops? Were it not for the brave, there

would be no land of the free.

Again, for those of you, and I hope

that some of you have some correspondence

with Hollywood, I hope

when you have the Academy Awards

and the Oscar things on Sunday, that

you can keep in mind, is it not time

now to demonstrate that we support

our forces of the Americans and our

forces of our allies?

The gentleman from Texas (Mr.

BRADY) brought up some stuff about

the willing coalition, the coalition of

the willing. I have heard a lot of propaganda,

a lot of propaganda, including

the preceding speakers, not my colleague

from Texas, but before we got

our hour some of the preceding speakers

talked about how the United States

is doing it alone, how the United

States as a super power is going forward

and going after poor little old

Saddam. Let me say that that is nothing

but pure propaganda. The coalition

that is willing to stand up to the vicious

regime of Iraq and liberate the

people of Iraq, that coalition is larger

than the coalition we had in the first

Persian Gulf war. We do not have 10

other countries joining us. We do not

have 15 other countries joining us. We

do not even have 20 other countries

joining us. We do not have 25. We have

45 other nations, 45 other nations that

are willing to stand up and stand up to

this threat and put their national defense

in line to stop this cancer.

Let me just give an example of a few

of them. To my right take a look at

this. I will just jump around. Afghanistan,

Denmark, Hungary, Japan, Lithuania,

Nicaragua, Rumania, Turkey,

United Kingdom. The British, they

have been tremendous. Tony Blair, a

profile in courage. Slovakia, the Philippines,

Macedonia, South Korea, Iceland,

Ethiopia, El Salvador, Colombia,

Albania, Australia, Italy, Georgia, the

Netherlands, Poland, Spain. Take a

look at these. And I saw an interesting

article today by Andrew Sullivan. Let

me read this. There are three categories,

countries that explicitly support

the United States’ position; countries

that support it but wanted a second

resolution, that is the second category;

and the third category are the

countries that oppose the war against

Saddam. In the first camp, we have the

United Kingdom, Spain, Denmark,

Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Rumania,

et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

In the first camp those who support the

United States and its willing coalition

number 45 as of this hour, 45 as of this

hour.

In the second camp, supportive, we

have the Netherlands, the Czech Republic,

Slovenia, and Slovakia. I put

those five in a broadly positive column.

That makes the total, if we add to the

45, somewhere pushing 50. Then we

have the neutral countries, the neutral

countries out there in Europe: Ireland,

Austria, Finland, Serbia, Switzerland,

and Norway. Australia, by the way, has

dedicated troops to this. Australia has

come strongly into the coalition of the

willing.

Then we have the opponents. Let me

stress the opponents that we have here,

and let us count them on a finger.

France, Germany, Belgium, Luxemburg,

Sweden, and Greece. By my count

we have about six countries that are

neutral, six countries that are opposed;

and over 45 nations, over 45 nations,

have joined with the United States one

way or the other to cut the snake off

this horrible regime that has in fact

enslaved the people of Iraq.

And let me give some examples. Afghanistan,

they have pledged their support

for the U.S. efforts, may open air

space to U.S. military flights, U.S. and

all of the allies. Albania, little Albania,

offered to send troops, approved

the U.S. use of their air space and their

bases. Australia sent 2,000 of their elite

SAS troops. These SAS troops are

amongst the best in the world, 2,000 of

them. They have sent fighter jets and

they have sent warships to the Gulf.

That is Australia. Bahrain, the headquarters

of the U.S. Fifth Fleet; Bulgaria

offered the use of air space, base

and refueling for U.S. war planes, sent

150 troops specializing in chemical and

biological warfare decontamination.

Croatia, air space and airports open to

civilian transport planes from the coalition.

The Czech Republic sent noncombat

troops specializing in chemical

warfare decontamination in response

to the U.S. request.

This list goes on and on and on.

There are a lot of people out there that

realize what we are facing. They understand

what the world will look like in

5 years from now if we do not do something

about this.

My good friend from the State of

Texas mentioned that he regretted the

fact that the French and the Germans

did not come on board early on in this

game, that had they come on board and

had they let Iraq know that they

meant business, we probably would

have been able to resolve this diplomatically.

When should they have

come on board? They should have come

on board 11 years ago. They should

have come on board at any time during

those 17 separate resolutions.

The French adopted one policy. First

of all, they let Iraq know that under no

circumstances, no matter what they

do, neither the French nor the Germans

nor the Belgians will ever attack

them with a war. So do not worry

about leverage; do not worry about a

threat. In the meantime let us negotiate

and negotiate and negotiate. It

was the French that took the lead in

crafting the resolution called 1441 41⁄2

months ago. It was the French that

persuaded the Germans and the Belgians

for a unanimous vote with the

rest of their colleagues at the United

Nations, for a unanimous vote, no ‘‘no’’

votes on 1441, and it was the French

that were the first ones to back out. It

was the French that were the first ones

to stand down on enforcement of 1441.

Had they stuck to their guns, had Saddam

Hussein known that the entire

international community including the

limited few that are now are not part

of the coalition, the French, the Germans,

and the Belgians, had they

known that we were unified, they probably

would have resolved this diplomatically.

Saddam Hussein really

would have disarmed, probably. What

kind of message does it send to the rest

of the world, to a North Korea or to

other countries like Iran or Libya or

countries like that when they know

that all they have got to do is get a little

disagreement going between longtime

allies and get one of the sides of

that disagreement to say right at the

very beginning we will never under any

conditions go to war? What kind of leverage

does that give to them?

I had a very interesting discussion

today with the students, and they

asked a number of questions, and I

think they should be addressed. I want

to just very quickly, briefly talk about

them before I turn the floor over to my

colleague again. First of all, we had a

little discussion on the Hollywood

type. I have talked about enough on

Hollywood, although I would note that

over the weekend the Dixie Chicks who

made that very derogatory political

cheap shot at our President, who I

think has done a tremendous job with

Condoleezza Rice, with Colin Powell,

with DICK CHENEY, with Don Rumsfeld;

but the Dixie Chicks brought it upon

themselves on foreign territory to announce

that they are disgraced that

the President is from the State of

Texas.

Let me say what America feels about

that. Sales dropped so dramatically

after their comment. They had the

number one song in the country. It

dropped off. Do the Members know

what the number two song is after I

think a week or 3 days of being out on

the charts? A song entitled ‘‘Have You

Forgotten.’’ As my good friend from

the State of Texas’s comments were

throughout his speech, have you forgotten

September 11? Have you forgotten

what this country stands for? Have

you forgotten what these soldiers have

done, the soldiers that have allowed

the reporters the freedom of the press,

the soldiers that have allowed the

poets the freedom of speech, the soldiers

that have allowed the protestors

in this country the right to protest,

protests where they would be immediately

executed if they tried to pull

that off in Iraq?

And I say to these people, have they

forgotten what America is about? Have

they forgotten about the greatness of

this country, that this country has

gone to war more often than any other

country for other nations? How many

thousands and thousands and thousands

of Americans lay in their graves

on foreign soils having fought for those

other countries? The United States is

not a cocky country. The United

States does not try to bully people

around, but the United States is willing

to stand up when it counts. Have

we forgotten?

And I venture to say this evening

that the majority of Americans have

not forgotten, that the majority of

Americans understand that the good

and the might of this country will in

the end prevail for all good and that

good will prevail over evil, and I venture

to say that most Americans will

not take with a grain of salt these

movie Hollywood actors on Sunday

when they appear at the Academy

Awards condemning the United States,

condemning the administration, condemning

the very privileges that made

them the privileged few. I venture to

say that the American citizens are

eminently proud of those soldiers and

sailors and Marines and Coast Guard

and the people in this country that are

supporting logistically those troops.

The students asked me, What about

the human shields? Should we avoid

the human shields? My position is this:

if the human shields took direction

from Saddam Hussein of where to go to

provide themselves as human shields,

they have crossed that line from being

noncombatants to combatants, and,

frankly, they are a fair target.

Let me talk very briefly about the

question that came up, What if we

make the terrorists mad? If we attack

Iraq and disarm Saddam Hussein and

liberate that country, won’t we make

other countries mad at us, other terrorists?

I said, as a comparison, imagine

if we said to the police officers of

this country, Before you make an arrest,

make sure that you do not make

the family of the defendant, the person

you are arresting, make sure their families

are not mad about the fact that

you are arresting them.

What about the preemptive strike?

they asked. Do we have a right that

this Nation preemptively strike? On

September 11 things changed dramatically.

First of all, when it comes to terrorism,

we can no longer defend this

country from terrorism. We cannot put

a police officer in every theater. We

cannot put a police officer in every restaurant.

We cannot guard everything.

We have got to reach out and strike at

the terrorists that are out there. We

have got to go after them. We cannot

wait for them to come after us. We cannot

play a defensive game. We have to

be offensive in our nature when we talk

about terrorism. We have to be willing

to stand up and take a preemptive

strike when we have somebody like

Saddam Hussein, who, by the way, took

the first preemptive strike when he invaded

Iran, took another preemptive

strike when he invaded Kuwait, took a

preemptive strike when he gassed 60,000

of his own people. His own people, he

gassed them, mustard gas, ricin, nerve

gas, and I have got a chart of examples.

We do not have time this evening, but

I have a chart of examples of time after

time that he used these weapons of

mass destruction against the Iranians,

against his own people.

So of course we have the right to go

out there, and I said, As a comparison,

think of your local police officers. We

do not say to our police officers they

do not have the right of a preemptive

strike. In fact we specifically give

them the right to preemptively strike.

If they roll up at a bank and there is

somebody with a gun or there is somebody

anywhere, a domestic dispute,

and there is somebody with a gun, we

do not ask the police officer to be shot

at first before he can under certain

conditions. Fire first.

This country has met the highest of

standards, and along with its allies do

my colleagues think we can put together

a coalition of 45 different nations

in this world, opposed by only

six? That is what we have right now.

The governments of six people that

have officially cited their opposition.

Do my colleagues think we can put

that together if we did not meet some

pretty high standards, and if the snake

and if the regime we are going after

was not worthy of these people, sometimes

not politically correct in their

countries? Take a look at Tony Blair,

still having enough guts to stand up

and put a stop to the regime of Saddam

Hussein.

Let me move on and kind of wrap up

because I want to have my colleague,

who made what I thought was a very

accurate statement, conclude. But I

want to just say a couple of things. I

really was excited to talk to these students

today, and I told these students,

our newspapers just by the nature of

the business they are in, they print the

bad stuff. Young people, my son and

daughters are now grown, but they are

in their early 20s, and it is very easy

for them to be discouraged about what

does the future of this country look

like, what is my future, the opportunities,

myself and my colleagues we have

for our family, we have for jobs, for opportunities?

We read the papers. It is

pretty easy to be discouraged.

But I say to them if they take a look

at their generation, first of all, their

generation has more opportunities

than any other generation in the history

of the world and certainly in the

history of our country. Their generation

is brighter than any generation in

the history of this country, and I say

to these young people, what is going

wrong in our society? What is going

right would go through the ceiling of

this dome. In other words, what is

going right way exceeds what is going

wrong. And because of the military

strength of this country, because of the

strength of the character of the people

of this country, because of the dedication

and the willingness to sacrifice for

freedom, for democracy, for freedom of

speech, for the freedoms that we have

enjoyed and many, many times taken

for granted, because this Nation has

met those standards, that is why we

are the finest country in the history of

the world.

It is not because we have the biggest

military machine, but it is because we

have that machine that we avoid many

fights. It is because people cannot wait

to get into this country. I say to people,

I say, what other country in the

world has immigration problems like

this country? You know what? In the

United States, you do not see people

falling over each other or swimming

the Rio Grande to get out of this country.

You see people coming into this

country any way they can, because of

the American dream, because of the

American standards of democracy, because

of the character of the American

people. And at this very hour we are

being tested.

We have a regime that believes in

murder. We have the worst murderer of

Muslim people in the history of the

world, who dares the United States to

take him on, who dares the United

States to tell him he cannot have

weapons of mass destruction.

Well, he has called the bluff on the

wrong coalition of the willing. Not

only has the United States accepted his

challenge, in fact the United Nations

did not accept the challenge, but the

United States did accept the challenge,

the British accepted the challenge, the

Spanish accepted the challenge, the

Italians accepted the challenge. Forty-five

countries accepted the challenge

to stand up for the character of freedom

and democracy and to stand

against the terrible regime of a dictatorship

which has stolen from the people

of Iraq, has stolen from the people

of Iraq the basic bill of rights, the basic

freedoms they ought to be guaranteed.

I am so proud, and I will conclude

with this, I am so, so proud of our

forces out there, that voluntarily have

entered there; the families, by the way,

not just the men and women in the

field, but those wonderful wives and

husbands who are home managing families,

without their spouse, worried

about whether their spouse will survive.

I am proud of all of you.

We are Americans. We will always be

Americans, and America will always

stand proud. I would like to yield to

my friend from Texas. I thought his

comments were most appropriate.

If the gentleman might yield for one

moment, I have just been advised that

the President of the United States will

address the country at 10:15 this

evening. I would urge, I am asking everybody,

the gentleman from Texas

will wrap these comments up in 5 or 10

minutes, I ask that you immediately

after the conclusion of these comments,

go to your national TV network

at 10:15. The President, the leader of

our country will address this Nation.

This speech is historical. It is imminently

important. It is imminently important

for all of us to watch that.

I am sorry to interrupt the gentleman.