Mr. Speaker, I am disgusted by the course of events today.

As the daughter of a veteran of two wars I am offended and outraged by

this personal assault on decorated war veteran Congressman John Murtha.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority has lost any sense of decorum or

decency. Their abuse of power is obscene. There will be a reckoning

though. Because the American people want accountability, not more

Republican cover-ups. The American people want honesty, not more

misleading and manipulation. They want to end this unnecessary and

senseless war, not a policy of `stay the course' that has no goals, no

benchmarks, no plans, and no end.

The Republican majority's effort in distorting and politicizing the

resolution offered by a decorated war veteran is nothing short of

despicable. The reality is that these are desperate actions by a

desperate majority and a desperate administration. This last minute

effort isn't about a debate on the issues the Murtha resolution raises.

It isn't about how intelligence was misused by the administration. But

it should be. It isn't about how we are going to bring our troops home.

But it should be. This resolution is just about politics.

I support the Murtha resolution and this is not the Murtha

resolution. Reject this cynical and disgraceful stunt from a party

devoid of ideas on ending the war in Iraq and how to safely bring our

troops home. I urge my colleagues to vote ``no'' on the rule and ``no''

on the resolution.