Mr. Speaker, in the other body yesterday, under the

leadership of Senator Reid, the gentleman from New Hampshire, Senator

Gregg, had a resolution supporting the funding of our troops, and the

Senate leadership prevented that resolution from being brought to the

floor under regular order because they wanted first to bring a

resolution condemning the President.

Now the Speaker of the House has announced that next week we will

have a resolution brought to the floor of this body condemning the

President's plan for a new way forward in Iraq.

I challenge the Speaker and the Democratic leadership, if that

resolution is on this floor, to bring forward also the resolution of a

true war hero, Representative Sam Johnson of Texas, supporting the

continued funding of the troops in Iraq.

We have heard Members on the other side of the aisle continue to say

we can and will, if necessary, cut off funding. This will give them an

opportunity to put their money where their mouth is.