Mr. Speaker, in a time of war

Americans and those risking their lives to protect freedom deserve

leadership, not politics. As we continue to debate this nonbinding

resolution today, we undermine the overall war on terror and the

successes we have had since the attack.

In the battle for Iraq mistakes have been made, but the President put

forth a plan for victory that understands those mistakes and sets

benchmarks to ensure Iraqi involvement and success.

On the other side, they want to have it both ways. They say we

support our troops, but at the same time they say we don't support the

war you are fighting. Our troops deserve better. Either commit to their

mission and bring them home victorious or stop their funding and bring

them home in defeat. The choices are there in front of us.

Congress should allow time for the plan to take hold, not put forth a

resolution that clearly is a step in the wrong direction, a policy of

retreat and defeat.

Mr. Speaker, there is only one way out of Iraq, only one way out of

this war, victory.