Mr. Speaker, I am appalled by what is happening in this

Chamber this week. We are taking full advantage of the freedoms that we

have while good men and women are dying to protect us, and we are

undermining their efforts.

The other side has done some very awful things for political gain in

this session. But this event is the pit of hypocrisy, not the height of

hypocrisy. History has shown that involvement and sending all of the

resources necessary was essential to winning World War II. And we did,

in fact, preserve freedom and democracy.

Many Americans were against World War II, calling for isolationism

and pacifism, hoping that Hitler would stay true to his word regardless

of the extensive military buildup. The United States had no choice but

to enter the war to save Europe and democracy. That was the definitive

conflict of that era; we are now facing the definitive conflict of

ours.

Mr. Speaker, this is a tremendous disservice to our troops, their

families and the American tradition of being honorable liberators

fighting for democracy. This resolution is an insult to our troops and

the American people.

We are leaders in our body. It is time that we came together and act

as leaders, leave politics aside to fight terrorism and support our

troops. We owe to it ourselves, the people we represent and future

generations.