Mr. Speaker, on 9/11, 2001, two planes flew

into the World Trade Center and killed over 3,000 Americans, the worst

attack on America in the history of this country, worse than Pearl

Harbor. The people who are behind it were al Qaeda, and Osama bin Laden

said numerous times he wanted to destroy America. They are the mortal

enemy of the United States of America.

General Petraeus today, when he talked to the Members of Congress,

said numerous times that they were fighting al Qaeda, al Qaeda, al

Qaeda in Iraq, the mortal enemy of the United States of America.

Now my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to pull us out

of there. And if they do succeed, then I believe that that will become

a gathering point for all of the al Qaeda operatives and other fellow

travelers in the world, and they will try to attack the United States

in numerous ways, probably on our home soil again. They attacked the

USS Cole, our embassies in Africa, they attacked housing in Saudi

Arabia.

I just want to say to my colleagues, remember what you are doing. If

you force us out of Iraq now, you are helping al Qaeda. You are helping

al Qaeda set up a base of operation, and they will be able to attack

the United States of America again.