Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the resolution that is

before the House. It is a resolution in two parts. The first part says

we support the troops. The second part says we are not going to

reinforce the troops. That is kind of curious in a way, I suppose,

isn't it? That we would support them with up-armored Humvees, with body

armor, with tanks, but oh, no, we are not going to allow other troops

to help the troops that we have there. It seems like you can't have it

both ways. It is self-contradictory.

You picture Davey Crockett at the Alamo, and he is there and Santa

Anna's army has got him back to the wall, and he gets his BlackBerry

out and he checks with the Congress, and the Congress says, yeah, Davey

Crockett, we support you, but we're not going to send anybody to help.

I don't think you can have it both ways.

When I was a legislator in the State of Missouri, I kept track of

some of what I considered to be the silliest legislation I had seen.

One of them was this lady who got so enthused about volunteering, that

she created a bill called ``Mandatory Volunteerism.'' That was odd. And

here we go, we are saying support, but don't support. This is curious,

and it undermines people like my son, who has served in Fallujah.