Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am very supportive of

our troops around the globe and in particular those who are in harm's

way in Iraq. I wholeheartedly support H. Con. Res. 63.

Mr. Speaker, in the President's January 29, 2002, State of the Union

address, in regards to protecting America, responding to terrorist

threats and capturing Osama bin Laden, he said, this is a regime that

agreed to international inspections, then kicked out our inspectors.

This is a regime that has something to hide from the civilized world.

States like these and their terrorist allies constitute an axis of

evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world. By seeking weapons of

mass destruction, these regimes pose a grave and growing danger. They

could provide these arms to terrorists, giving them the means to match

their hatred.

Secretary Rice, after being named Secretary to succeed Colin Powell,

warned 6 months before the invasion in Iraq that Saddam Hussein could

deploy a nuclear weapon, saying that the administration did not want a

smoking gun. We want to know as New Yorkers, when will we find Osama

bin Laden