Mr. Speaker, we are at the point where no one should call

the war in Iraq ``Bush's war.'' It is ours, America's war. We are in

this together. We Democrats need the Republicans if we are to end it

without a failed Iraqi state.

It is not just about ``getting out of Iraq.'' It should be about

redeploying out of Iraq so that we can better ensure U.S. security

elsewhere, as we leave Iraq with relative stability.

The resolution we will soon vote on is today's stalking horse, with

merit, but with less of a strategic plan for a successful end than the

last Iraqi resolution, despite times that are now more dire in Iraq

and, therefore, also for us. We need both the Republicans and a new

strategy so that we can successfully end this conflict for our

betterment. I see the key as President Bush's statement that our

commitment is not open-ended. We, therefore, now need to define how to

end it, together.

I will vote for this resolution, but I am expressing my reservations

because it lacks defining how to achieve the end of an open-ended

commitment by a winning strategy.

That is why we need the Republicans, and they us, to resolve the war

successfully by a strategy that deliberately defines the end of our

open-ended commitment so that we can then use it to exact success,

diplomatically, regionally, ensuring our, and Iraqis', greater

security.