Mr. Speaker, these cut-and-run Republicans cut off

discussion of real security options and run up billion dollar bills

every month.

Thin paper resolutions like this have not deflected bullets from our

troops, and another such gimmick will not deflect accountability from a

failed policy.

We are leaving Iraq. It is only a matter of when, of how many brave

young Americans return home alive, how much we deplete our national

treasury in the meantime, what chaos is left behind, and how many more

terrorists are recruited while you dither and delay.

This resolution is not leading. It is misleading. And the pull-out

most needed is to pull your heads out of the sand and listen to sound

military advice, like the sound military advice of decorated military

heroes like Jack Murtha, like the sound military advice that should

have been heeded before this mission ever got under way.

Only yesterday, the President renounced torture, but Republicans

still cannot renounce the notion of permanent military bases occupying

Iraq. ``Support our troops'' is more than a slogan. ``Support our

troops'' means giving them the armor and the number they need to

succeed in their job. It means never exploiting their courage and

sacrifice for political gain or to advance failed policies. It is time

that our troops get the support they need and that people stop hiding

behind their valor and give them a strategy that works.

Abandonment and surrender, you say? For three years, you have

abandoned reality and surrendered to fantasy. Stop repeating the same

old mistakes. Step up to a new course that offers more hope for our

future and for our security than the string of missteps in which you

are currently mired.