Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this

time, and I greatly appreciate her leadership in bringing this

resolution to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, blessed be the peacemakers, for they will be called

children of God.

Peacemakers, Mr. Speaker, not simply peaceful. You need not be a

soldier or a sailor to know the difference. To know that peace, like

all virtues, demands vigilance, courage and unrelenting moral exertion.

Every man and woman today making peace in Iraq, whether so signified by

a flag on their uniform or an ink stain on their finger, understands

those responsibilities.

The Iraqi people have hoped and prayed for a generation simply for

the chance to take up peace's burden for themselves. Yesterday, they

did, thanks to the bravery and the brilliance of the United States

military. Because of their service and sacrifice, a war is being won

and a peace is being made in Iraq, across the Middle East, here at home

and around the world.

Now, many in this room sought to avoid this war rather than to fight

it; to ignore a gathering threat rather than confront it; and now seek

to end this war rather than win it. They point to the war's cost, its

difficulties and our setbacks, and, despite the catastrophic

consequences of failure, call for an immediate retreat and surrender.

Well, not us, Mr. Speaker. This resolution reaffirms our commitment

to victory, our commitment to the freedom and security of the Iraqi

people, and our commitment to victory in Iraq and the broader war on

terror. Every terrorist captured, every vote counted is another step

the Iraqi people take towards freedom, victory, and peace. And another

step our troops take toward home. Help win the war and help make the

peace by supporting this resolution.