Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about the Iraq resolution

that I will vote ``no'' on today.

Republicans would like us to say America is safer. I wish that were

true, but it is not. We have only to look at what happened in Spain to

be reminded. Terrorism threatens America today just as much as

terrorism threatened America before we invaded Iraq.

Make no mistake, I wholeheartedly support the U.S. soldiers. My

support does not stop at the Iraq border, nor is my support bounded by

political party. I regularly visit troops at Walter Reed Hospital, and

I urge every Member to do so. They are the best soldiers and they make

America proud.

I would like to pass a resolution praising our soldiers, but this

Republican resolution is meant to legitimize a position the

administration cannot defend at home or abroad. Look at the Spanish

election. We have lost soldiers. We continue to lose them. We have lost

credibility. And we have found nothing.

This is not worthy of a victory lap. I will not sing the praises of

the Bush doctrine.