Mr. Speaker, as I sit here and I listen to the debate, I

am almost in disbelief when I hear Members on the other side claiming

perhaps that the world is not as safe a place since Saddam Hussein was

removed.

But I do not hear anyone on the other side disputing the facts in the

resolution that Saddam Hussein committed crimes against humanity, that

he subjected the Iraqi people to murder and torture, and that he

unleashed weapons of mass destruction against his own people.

So I can only arrive at the conclusion that perhaps someone is

insinuating that the horrific terrorist bombings that have occurred in

Bali, in Riyadh, Madrid, Jerusalem since Saddam Hussein's ouster would

not have occurred if he were still in office. Now, that is just

preposterous. I know that no one would suggest such a thing.

President Bush was right when he said that we cannot distinguish

between the terrorists and the states that sponsor those terrorists.

Regimes like Saddam Hussein's still exist. Those brutal outlaw regimes

around the world who are there supporting the terrorist organizations

are our enemies just as the terrorists themselves.

Clearly, without Saddam Hussein, America is safer. The Middle East is

safer. Just ask the Israelis. Ask them if they feel that they are not

safer without the threat of Saddam and his Scuds aiming at Tel Aviv. Of

course they are safer. Of course the world is safer.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by thanking God that we have our

troops and our young men and women who are volunteering their lives,

risking their lives to go and take the battle to the front lines, to

take the battle to the terrorists so that perhaps we can avoid another

terrorist attack on our homeland.

Mr. Speaker, some people may flinch when they look in the eyes of the

terrorists, but with this President in this House with the American

people, that will never happen.