Mr. Speaker, I associate my remarks with the gentleman from

Pennsylvania (Mr. Murtha).

I rise with concern and dismay on the Resolution before us.

First of all it resolves a sense of the House of Representatives. How

can you have a sense of the entire House when it only has Republican

authors?

How can it be a sense of the House with not a single Democrat as a

co-sponsor?

This Resolution seems to provide political cover for the President

for failing to secure support from our major Western allies in the War

on Terrorism in Iraq.

This Resolution ignores the fact that we had no post-conflict

reconstruction plan, before the first bombs dropped.

The Resolution glosses over the fact that our investigators, along

with the United Nations inspectors, have found no weapons of mass

destruction and were denied more time to complete their inspections,

which could have obviated the need to go to war.

This Resolution is brought up at a time when the President's poll

ratings are slipping.

The world is not safer and adoption of this politicized resolution

won't make it so.

Baghdad is suffering new deaths as we debate, our own home turf

suffers from its own brand of terrorism. Inner city communities are

losing lives in drive by shootings and Americans don't feel safer.

No, the world is not safer and to get Congress to say that it is, is

hypocrisy at its worst.

In an election year, Congress should work to bring us together--not

to play political gotcha.

I urge this body to reject this Resolution. We can do better. We can

truly support our troops without political excuses. We can commend the

Iraqi people for their courage without taking credit for their courage.

Write a Resolution without partisan politics and it will get a

unanimous vote, which is after all, what is needed to show support for

our troops--not a house divided for partisan purposes.