Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman

for yielding.

I rise today as a cosponsor of H.R. 2956, and although I support this

resolution, I must express my sadness that it has come to this point.

This President was wrong when he claimed that Iraq had weapons of

mass destruction. He has had over 4 years. He has asked for more time,

for more troops, for more surges. And regardless of what our military

experts and our troops on the ground say, this President continues to

claim that we are winning the war in Iraq.

Mr. President, what reports are you reading? Whom are you listening

to? Certainly not the reports that I have read or the military

officials I have spoken to, who tell a very different story about what

is happening in Iraq. To me it is with sadness that this Congress has

to tell you that your war in Iraq is a failure and that we will not let

you leave our brave men and women over there when you have no plan to

allow them to succeed. We will not let them be targets any longer.

History will show, Mr. President, that your war was a failure. But

today the Congress stood up to you and said enough is enough.