Mr. Speaker, I commend my good friend and colleague, Armed

Services Chairman Ike Skelton, for authoring H.R. 2956, the

``Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act.'' the Democratic Congress has

drawn a line in the sand with this bill. It requires accountability

from the Administration that the American people demand and deserve:

stop the open-ended commitment in Iraq; stop the surge; and, stop

sending our brave men and women in uniform to fight a ``winnable'' war.

We have given this Administration enough time, enough U.S. blood, and

too much hard-earned American dollars.

Let's call this war what it is--a civil war.

The solution for Iraq is not military. The solution for Iraq is

political and diplomatic. We must once again engage our allies and

Iraq's neighbors to renew a quest for a peaceful solution in Iraq. I

urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2956. Support our valiant troops by

voting to bring them home. Now.