Mr. Speaker, the vote today is very simple: Will

America give up and walk away from the fight to preserve American

civilization? Are we proud of our military and will we support them and

protect them in time of war?

The people of Houston's District Seven are immensely proud of the men

and women of our Armed Forces. We want our soldiers and their

commanders and our Commander in Chief to know that we will always

support them and to know that we will do our best to protect them,

especially in time of war; and we thank them for keeping us safe and

free from another terrorist attack for 1,985 days.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Houston's District

Seven, I will vote no, to tell our enemies and our friends that

Americans will never quit and Americans will never surrender in the

fight to preserve, protect, and defend American freedom.