Mr. Speaker, I very much thank the senior and

esteemed leader, Mr. King from New York, for yielding to me.

I want to start a point here, Mr. Speaker, that I would ask all

Members to focus on to understand where we really sit in history, in

this course of history. If you would go back to the most successful

military known in history for the longest period of time, spanning

centuries, it was the Roman legions. And the Romans had a statement

called ``nosce hostem,'' which, of course, is Latin for ``know thine

enemy.'' We need to do that here in this Congress. We are part of this

effort, of course. Know thine enemy. Von Clausewitz wrote the book on

war, his treatise on war, that everyone goes to because he boiled it

down to understandable principles, certainly ``know thine enemy,'' but

his point was the object of war is to destroy the enemy's will and

ability to conduct war.

Now, if you know your enemy and you are going to destroy their will

and ability to conduct war, you wouldn't just go after their ability,

you would go after their will as well. So that has been true throughout

history. And if you were charged with the task of defeating the

preeminent world's Superpower in, say, about the year 1963 under

President Kennedy, ``How do you defeat undefeated America?'' was the

question that was presented to the Vietnamese.

Enter General Vo Nguyen Giap. He was the general that orchestrated

the Vietnamese effort throughout the war in Vietnam. He certainly

understood history. He understood the Roman legions. He understood

nosce hostem. He also understood that you had to defeat the will and

the ability of the United States if you were going to defeat them. He

knew that he couldn't defeat our ability. He had to attack our will.

And that is what happened.

And he wrote the book. This is the primer, ``How Do You Defeat the

United States of America?'' by General Vo Nguyen Giap. How We Won the

War is the title of it. And in the primer he said, ``The beginning was

when the United States failed to succeed in a complete victory in

Korea, then we knew the will of the United States was weakened. On page

18 he talks about how they went after the will of the United States

through public opinion, how they supported it and encouraged the

antiwar activists because they knew they couldn't win militarily. So

their front on the war that had the greatest chance for success was

with the will of the American people. Here is the primer.

Our enemies read this primer, Mr. Speaker. They understand this. And

one of our enemies over there is Moqtada al-Sadr, who laid it out for

us when he said on June 11, 2004, and I saw this on al-Jazeera TV when

I was in Kuwait, ``If we continue attacking Americans, they will leave

Iraq the same way that they left Vietnam, the same way that they left

Lebanon, the same way that they left Mogadishu.''

Mr. Speaker, that is the message that his people heard. That is the

message we should hear. I have heard it. I have put it on this floor

many times. A couple nights ago I put Moqtada al-Sadr down here on the

floor. In the night he went off to Iran to join up with the people who

have been supporting him. He understands this.

I will tell you this. If this resolution passes and if Mr. Murtha and

the people who are working with him are successful in a slow bleed of

our resources, then what you will see, Mr. Speaker, is you will see

Osama bin Laden say, If we keep attacking America they will leave

Afghanistan the same way they left Vietnam, Lebanon, Mogadishu, and

Iraq. That is what is coming. That is what is being perpetrated by the

rhetoric here on this floor. That is what is being staged in

appropriations bills that we will certainly see coming after this

resolution.

The destiny of America is put at risk, Mr. Speaker, and this says to

all of our enemies it is easy to take on the United States if you can

just get Congress to lose their will, if you can get them to lose their

spine.

So I would then simply close with the reiteration of a request made

from a major from Kentucky whom I met with in my last trip over there

in Iraq. He loves his kids and his cows and he loves God and I know he

speaks the truth. He said, ``We have everything we need. So when you

pray for us, pray for the American people. Pray they understand the

threat and pray they do not lose their resolve. We will not lose

ours.''