I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, this vote and the debate that we are

having is about politics and providing some political cover. It does

nothing to help our soldiers win.

Remember, it is a nonbinding resolution. What does that mean? It

means that we could talk, as my mother used to say, until the cows come

home. It has absolutely no effect. It has no power, no teeth and

absolutely no effect.

To be more specific, there is not one single mention in the Democrat

resolution of how we will send more body armor for the troops, not a

single mention of new tools to detect IED explosives, not one word

dedicated to up-armored Humvees.

Mr. Speaker, there is not one mention of the method to fund the

health care needs of the veterans who come home. Not one mention. And

this is important to remember: It has absolutely no mention of sending

one soldier, let alone the 20,000 additional who are going over there

or our fine young men and women who are already there, when they are

going to come home one day sooner.

In my district, Floridians have seen through this nonbinding

resolution. The headline of the Orlando Sentinel calls it an ``empty

measure.'' It says, ``The pointless House resolution on Iraq fails to

set goals.'' The editorial goes on to say that the resolution ``isn't

thoughtful policy; it's political cover.'' It is not just me saying it.

This is certainly not a conservative newspaper, the Orlando Sentinel.

My constituents know over the past few days we have debated a

resolution with no teeth, no enforcement, delivered in a way that has

no guts, no character and provides no leadership.

Need to hear more? The Veterans of Foreign Wars said that, ``Other

generations have learned the hard way when military decisions are

second-guessed by opinion polls or overruled by politicians.''

The VFW and the American Legion know what happens when politicians

play politics with war. Our veterans' message to Democrats is to

support the surge and give our soldiers a chance to win. That is really

what they want. They want to win.

In closing, I must echo the American Legion and the Veterans of

Foreign Wars with the words that ring in the hearts of veterans

everywhere: Give our sons and daughters in this fight the chance to

win. That, Mr. Speaker, is exactly what they are asking for.