Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution.

Madam Speaker, this week during the debate on H. Con. Res. 63, I

spoke of the men and women of our Armed Forces and the sacrifices they

have made for our country. I noted that I had visited them in theater,

at Walter Reed, and with their families in New Jersey. As I said, the

quality of these men and women, and their earnest wish to serve their

country, makes this situation in Iraq all the more tragic. I am sure I

was quite clear regarding my sentiments, but it would appear that some

in this House chose to mischaracterize my remarks.

The gentleman from California, Mr. Hunter, said that I ``referred to

our wounded folks in Walter Reed as tragic.'' I want the gentleman to

know I said no such thing, and I will ask him to be accurate if he

chooses to quote me again.