Madam Speaker, it is an honor to receive time from someone

who served our Nation in the finest way and who knows firsthand how

hurtful a resolution such as this can be to those in theater.

We are in the middle of a 4-day marathon here. While I cannot say

that I agree with all of the actions of the President in dealing with

Iraq, I will not be supporting H. Con. Res. 63. The eyes of the world

are upon this House, and there will be commentary from the Middle East

to the streets of small-town America about what we do here over this 4-

day period, even though this resolution does not carry the weight of

law.

When the commentary begins in the Middle East, in no way do I want to

comfort and encourage the radical Muslims who want to destroy our

country and who want to wipe the so-called infidels like myself and

many of you from the face of the Earth. In no way do I want to aid and

assist the Islamic jihadists who want the green flag of the crescent

and star to wave over the Capitol of the United States and over the

White House of this country. I fear that radical Muslims who want to

control the Middle East and ultimately the world would love to see ``In

God We Trust'' stricken from our money and replaced with ``In Mohammed

We Trust.''

I am not sure that reinforcing the existing troops by 20,000 will

save us from the jihadists, and I am not sure it will prevent chaos in

Iraq. I do hope that these additional forces will stabilize Baghdad and

will lead to democracy and a tolerance of divergent views and religions

in Iraq. Unfortunately, the history of that region does not bode well

for such conclusions.

In my view, the United States by removing Saddam Hussein has provided

a great opportunity for Iraq to be a showcase for tolerance and

understanding. Perhaps one day Iraq may want to adopt something like

the first amendment of our country. That may only be an optimistic

hope.

I hope my fears and the fears of others about chaos and calamity

prove false. If the Shiite and Sunni controversy escalates and the

situation worsens, we could be faced with a clamor to admit thousands

and perhaps millions into this country. I call on the President and our

Secretary of State to not allow a mass immigration into this country

with the dangers and pitfalls that it could bring to our safety and

security. The terrorists would surely enter into this country in such a

way as the 9/11 terrorists swam around in a sea of illegal immigration

before we were struck on September 11.

Let us vote ``no'' and let us forestall, if not prevent, calamity.