Madam Speaker, first of all, I want to thank my

friend and colleague from New Jersey for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, this nonbinding resolution is really a nonsensical

political statement. It would deprive our troops of the reinforcements

they desperately need. Let us trust their judgment and give them the

reinforcements they want.

How would you feel if you were an American soldier in Iraq and

Congress passed this resolution? It is like telling you to fight with

one arm behind your back, and that is no way to defeat a terrorist.

It is our responsibility to assist our troops, not discourage them by

ignoring their needs. This political resolution shortchanges our

generals and their troops. Instead, we should support those who are

sacrificing their lives to protect ours.

Our men and women in uniform desire only to serve their country with

honor. Rather than deny them what they want, we should give them the

resources they deserve.

Unfortunately, many terrorists hate our country, our citizens, our

freedoms and our way of life. The global war on terror is fierce; this

is no time to appear weak. London, Moscow, Madrid and six other cities

around the world have suffered terrorist attacks since 9/11, but there

is a reason no terrorist attack has occurred in America since 2001. It

is not because some would second-guess our military; it is because our

troops want to win, and we should give them that opportunity.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this resolution and

send the troops this message: We are here to help you.