Mr. Speaker, before I yield to my colleague from

Michigan, let me make just a couple of comments.

I think, as we all know, the Iraq Study Group did allow for a surge

in troops on a temporary basis to allow us to achieve our objectives.

Also, as a previous speaker, I was negligent in not acknowledging the

comments of my colleague from Maryland when he recognized the

contributions that were being made by our intelligence folks in Iraq

and around the world.

There are some who believe and are confused by what they may believe

or perceive to be the callous omission of any reference to the

contributions being made by our intelligence folks in Iraq today. It is

a significant shortcoming of this resolution, and I am thoroughly

confused as to why they would be omitted in this resolution, and their

contributions. They are working side by side each and every day with

our Armed Forces, and this resolution forgets to even recognize that

contribution.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would now like to recognize my colleague

from Michigan, a member of the Intelligence Committee, who thoroughly

recognizes and has met with these people in Iraq and Afghanistan and

understands their contributions. He is as confused as I am as to why

they do not want to recognize their contributions. I yield 7 minutes to

my colleague from Michigan (Mr. Rogers).