Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from California for

yielding me this time.

We all in this institution support our troops. We marvel at and

applaud their bravery and their courage. It is not, Mr. Speaker, what

is in this resolution. It is what is not in it. I suggest to my

Republican colleagues that they meet with families of the men and women

who are serving in Iraq, something many of us in this institution have

done. They will learn how badly this administration has supplied our

troops.

There is no mention of the lack of body armor in this resolution and

how the Bush administration has failed to outfit our troops. There is

no mention in this resolution about the lack of safe drinking water for

our troops, something that this administration has failed to supply.

There is no mention in this resolution of cuts in prescription drug

benefits to veterans that this administration has forced on those who

have lived up to their obligation for our country. There is no mention

in this resolution of the $1.2 billion underfunded for the Veterans

Administration in the President's budget. There is no mention in this

resolution of 558 courageous young men and women who have died in Iraq.

There is no mention of the 2,788 soldiers and sailors who were wounded

since President Bush dressed in his flight suit and declared, ``mission

accomplished.'' There is no mention in this resolution of weapons of

mass destruction. There is no mention in this resolution of the Bush

administration's deceit in leading us to this war.

Mr. Speaker, the best way to honor our troops is to supply the troops

adequately, to protect the troops and make sure they are safe, and to

fulfill the promises to our veterans. Something the Bush administration

has failed to do. Something my Republican friends on the other side of

the aisle have failed to address.

Mr. Speaker, the $87 billion, first of all, I

voted to equip the troops in Iraq in the first vote. When the Bush

administration failed with enough money in that budget to provide safe

drinking water, to provide body armor, when the administration failed

to do it, they had plenty of money to do it; yet it took them months

and months and months to make our troops safe. That is why so many in

this body said do not give the Pentagon more money, do not give

Halliburton more money, do not give more money to the company that is

paying Vice President Cheney $3,000 a week while he is Vice President

of the United States.