Mr. Speaker, we send troops into battle without body

armor. Shame. Those troops come back deprived of the veterans benefits

we promised. Shame. And now we deliberately divide the homefront for

political advantage. Shame.

Make no mistake about it. This resolution was designed by political

consultants to generate the largest possible Democratic ``no'' vote

which can then be the subject of political ads saying one of our

Nation's great political parties does not support our troops. Shame.

The world is better because Saddam is gone. But a fair resolution

would acknowledge that we are worse off because 566 of our troops are

now deceased and 3,254 were wounded. And we are less safe because our

military is exhausted and overextended. Our international credibility

has been mangled beyond belief. So the real threats to our security,

North Korea and Iran, are able to make progress on their nuclear

weapons programs. We are not safer now than we were a year ago because

those who would develop nuclear weapons and smuggle them into our

cities have had a year further to progress.

And one party devotes a day of floor time to dividing our Nation

during our war on terrorism. Shame. Just as that political party

brought forward money for our troops in a supplemental and linked it to

a giant welfare program for Halliburton and forced us to vote on it as

a package. Now it attacks our patriotism when we said ``no'' to

Halliburton, because they would not let us say ``yes'' to our troops

and ``no'' to Halliburton at the same time. Shame.