Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding me this

time.

After listening to some of this debate, and I am sure it will get

worse during the day as we deal with this politically, from a policy

point of view, I would just like to take a minute and review what

really we are talking about here. We are talking about a resolution

that I cannot imagine any American, frankly, could not support. I mean

we are simply saying that we affirm that the United States has made the

world safer by the removal of Saddam Hussein. Well, I believe that

pretty strongly.

We are commending the Iraqi people for their courage and going

through all they have gone through. We are commending the Iraqi people

because they actually have an interim Constitution and a Bill of

Rights. That ought to have been on the front page of some paper

somewhere. And we are commending our troops. What is there to be

against, against that? All of it is true.

Do we want something else added to it? Well, I do too. And my

colleagues will vote no because they did not get it exactly like they

wanted it. I would like for this resolution to have commended the

Commander in Chief of the United States. I would like for us to say to

President Bush, thank God we have a man who has come along with enough

backbone to stand up to the proliferation of weapons of mass

destruction around the world and is willing to stand up to the

terrorists. Thank goodness we do that.

My colleagues spend all of their time talking about weapons of mass

destruction. What this President has said to us about weapons of mass

destruction is precisely what the previous administration said to us

also. The difference is, we have a 9/11. And the difference is, we had

a President that was willing and ready to act as we should have acted.

Just think about it a minute. We knew he had weapons of mass

destruction. We knew he had the ability to make weapons of mass

destruction, did we not? We knew he used weapons of mass destruction.

When I voted yes for the President, I thought he had weapons of mass

destruction, but I was not by myself. Israeli Intelligence thought so;

British Intelligence, German Intelligence, French Intelligence, the

U.N., even Saddam Hussein thought he had weapons of mass destruction.

Get off of that.

We are doing the right thing to protect this world, and we are doing

the right thing to protect our security here at home.