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

time.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to vote for this resolution, but I am going

to do it with a heavy heart. I am going to do it with a heavy heart

because this is obviously a politicized resolution. It is a resolution

that was designed to make Democrats look bad. It is a resolution which

Democrats had no input in whatsoever. It is a resolution that really

smacks, I think, of hypocrisy, because when we look at the self-

righteousness on the other side, when we had a resolution on the House

floor several years ago when Bill Clinton was President to support our

troops in Kosovo, almost everyone on the other side voted no.

I am going to vote for this because I support our troops. I am glad

that Saddam Hussein is no longer in power, and I am glad that there is

an Iraqi Constitution, and that is essentially what this resolution

says. I believe that whether one believed that the war in Iraq was

justified or unjustified, the fact that we are there now and we cannot

cut and run because if we did, Iraq would surely be a terrorist state

now if it was not one before, we really cannot cut and run.

But I think my friends on the other side of the aisle really ought to

build a consensus. Democrats should have had input into this

resolution. Democrats should have been allowed to amend this

resolution. If we truly want bipartisanship, then we really need to

stand together.

I am troubled that no weapons of mass destruction were found in Iraq.

I am troubled that it seems that our intelligence was not exactly up to

snuff. I am troubled that the American people were not told the entire

truth. But I think we have to come together to support our troops.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say again to my friends on the other side of

the aisle, we support our troops whether they are in Iraq, Kosovo, or

anywhere around the world, and we have to stand together and say it,

not play partisan political games.