Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res.

557. Americans should be proud that we are again confronting an evil

threat to the Western world. We have done that before and we will do it

again. We should be proud of our soldiers and we should be proud of our

President.

The last administration did nothing. What we are doing now is making

up for what was not done 10 years ago. Ten years ago, we let

Afghanistan be turned into a terrorist base. Ten years ago, we let

Saddam Hussein continue his dictatorship and yes, the administration

before the last, George Bush's father, deserves some of the blame for

this; but for the 8 years of the Clinton administration, Saddam Hussein

was murdering his people and aligning himself with the terrorists of

the world. Yet we did nothing.

Now, I remember voting for the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998. It passed

this House by 360 to 38. Now, today, we hear oh, the President of the

United States did not justify going into Iraq. Well, many of the people

making that point voted for the Iraq Liberation Act in which section 3

of the Iraq Liberation Act authorizes the President of the United

States to remove Saddam Hussein by force. Yet this President is taking

care of business, while the last administration did nothing. Finally,

we have a President who is taking care of business, protecting our

national security. And what do we get? What do we hear? Nitpicking and

back-biting from day one.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to support this resolution because it

indicates that America is standing proud again. We have a President

that is providing leadership. We are courageous and we are going to

change the course of history. By getting rid of Saddam Hussein, we are

going to create a democratic Iraq and we are going to stick it out

there. Nobody is going to force us to cut and run; no amount of

nitpicking or back-biting will hurt our resolve. We are going to create

an alternative for moderate Muslims throughout the world, and that will

change history. It will take the power away from the radical Islam. We

are taking care of business now. Let us support our troops and our

President.