Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me

this time.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution, never opened for committee discussion

and now closed to amendments, is perhaps a consistent way to mark the

anniversary of an unnecessary war that was built on misleading

statements, dangerous disregard for the facts, and dangerous policies.

To a person, we believe that our military men and women have done a

remarkable job in very difficult conditions, conditions like traveling

in tactical vehicles that do not have steel armor, leaving them

dangerously vulnerable to grenades, small arms, and roadside bombs.

Soldiers in Iraq are hanging flack vests and even plywood on their

Humvees in desperate attempts at protection, army officials are quoted

as saying, and the casualties mount week by week.

Republicans who choose to slime the records of opponents of this

resolution would be better to turn the mirror on themselves. Many of us

will be supporting a Democratic budget resolution that will back up our

rhetoric with the resources needed to provide equipment, compensation,

military housing, child tax credits for military families, and other

necessities that are missing in the Republican budget proposal. Let us

put our money where our mouth is.