Mr. Speaker, today I rise because we have reached the 1-

year anniversary of the war in Iraq. One year ago, we invaded Iraq

because the President said Saddam Hussein posed an imminent threat to

the United States. A ``mortal threat,'' he said.

We were told Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction. We

were told the international community would be involved, providing

troops and financial assistance. We were told the troops would get

whatever they needed to get the job done.

So on March 19, 2003, we invaded Iraq. And here we are, 1 year later.

Let's examine the facts:

CIA Director George Tenet said intelligence agencies never told the

White House that Iraq posed an imminent threat. No weapons of mass

destruction have been found.

American taxpayers are paying almost all the bills--$120 billion and

still rising. Most importantly, American soldiers are enduring almost

all the casualties--more than 560 Americans killed and thousands more

wounded.

Our troops did not get the equipment they needed to do their jobs

safely--the President failed to include enough funds in his budget to

pay for the war in Iraq. Moreover, there is no money in the President's

own proposed budget for 2005 to pay for the war in Iraq. He apparently

chooses to keep Congress and the American people in the dark about how

much we will need to spend.

Let me tell you what's going on today with this resolution. It is an

attempt to rewrite history. And if any of us vote against it, we will

be attacked for not ``supporting the troops.''

This resolution is intellectually dishonest. It selects facts that

portray the President and his decision to invade Iraq in a positive

light, while conveniently ignoring other facts that do not support the

President. It tells only of what we already knew--that Saddam Hussein

was an evil tyrant. No one disputes that. It tells us of the atrocities

he inflicted on his people--no one disputes that. It tells us that the

American people applaud the Iraqi people for adopting an interim

constitution--and no one denies that. And it affirms our country's

unending support for our troops.

All of these accomplishments are worthy of our commendation, and I

support them.

But this resolution ignores other facts--that we went into this war

with faulty intelligence and sent our soldiers in without adequate body

armor. It ignores that there were no weapons of mass destruction, and

that Saddam did not pose an ``imminent threat'' to the U.S. It doesn't

tell us that the administration continues to veil the true cost of this

war--and it does not say that these costs will be borne by our children

because this administration refuses to pay for them today. Instead,

this administration gives tax cuts to the people who make over $1

million--and does not provide adequate resources for the veterans and

their families.

It does not even acknowledge the deaths and injuries suffered by the

men and women in uniform.

So I cannot in good conscience support such a deceptive resolution.

It simply does not tell the whole truth.

Make no mistake--I support our troops, and I will do everything I can

to help them get what they need. It is not their fault they were sent

to Iraq--they are doing their sworn duty for this country. I will do

everything I can to fight for their safe return and for an end to this

sham of a war.

The authors of this resolution might think it will provide them

political cover, but I am here to tell you that the American people are

wise and will not be fooled. They understand that domestic priorities

are being sacrificed to fund a war it turns out we didn't have to

fight. They understand that landing on an aircraft carrier and floating

a banner declaring ``mission accomplished'' does not make it so. They

understand that the Republicans refused to allow anyone to offer

amendments to the language of this resolution.

After last week's explosion in Madrid, Spain, and today's bombing in

Baghdad, I cannot in good conscience state today that the United States

and the world has been made safer than it was before we went to war

with Iraq.