Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 861,

declaring that the United States will prevail in the Global War on

Terror.

We have made great strides in the War on Terror. The men and women of

our Armed Forces along with coalition partners deserve our continued

support. They have displayed nothing short of true dedication and

continued professionalism in carrying out their mission.

It is with high esteem that I rise to say we are winning the Global

War on Terrorism. This is highlighted by the capture of Osama bin

Laden's Prince of Iraq, al-Zarqawi. This is truly a milestone and has

resulted in hundreds of raids which continue to provide an enormous

amount of new intelligence to our commanders in the field. As political

polls show, a majority of Iraqis wants the violence to end, and that

Sunnis, Shiites, and other tribes were coming together to help make

that happen. As an example of progress on the ground, he said that the

number of intelligence ``tips'' had increased from 400 per month to

4,000 which makes the capture of terrorists like al-Zarqawi possible.

The newly elected prime minister, Nuri al-Maliki, the first

constitutional prime minister of Iraq since the revolutionaries toppled

the Iraqi monarchy and murdered the royal family in 1958, has been

successful in establishing a diverse government; one that has

demonstrated a willingness to work together. This cooperation has

transcended to the general population. A new Iraqi society, one that

seeks to live in harmony with each other and believe the government can

improve the situation in Iraq, is a society that is much safer because

the Iraqi Security Forces now conducted over 32,000 patrols during the

month of April.

There are 263,400 forces assigned to the Ministry of Defense and they

are capable of conducting over 86 percent of the planned operations. It

is projected by the end of this year, the Iraqi Security Forces will

have responsibility and capability to fulfill a 100 percent of such

operations.

Mr. Speaker, our goal of defeating terrorists, establishing a free

and independent Iraq is obtainable if we continue to pursue our current

course.