Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from

Pennsylvania for standing up for the last 10

hours in defense of our country and the troops that serve us and, most

importantly, throughout his entire life, and I thank him for demanding

that the Iraqi people stand up for their own country and responding to

the American people who are demanding that this Congress stand up for

our Nation's interest. Staying the course in Iraq is not in our

Nation's interest.

Several times the proponents of this resolution have cited Winston

Churchill. Wonderful, lofty rhetoric, but there's a disconnect. Saddam

Hussein did not drop any bombs on the United States. He was not

involved in 9/11, didn't harbor any terrorists who were.

It has been argued if we redeployed it might hurt our credibility

around the world. As has been said, our approval ratings around the

world are the lowest they have ever been. People rank us down with

Russia in terms of trust and respect.

It has been argued if we redeploy it might encourage terrorists. Our

continued presence is the rallying cry in the recruitment tool for

terrorists around the world. It has been argued that it might hurt

American troops' morale. Mr. Speaker, 2,500 brave men and women dead,

18,000 seriously wounded and you want to stay the course?

It has been argued that there might be a civil war if we redeploy.

There is a civil war today. The fact is the Iraqis are going to have to

seize control of their own country. We have to redeploy. We won't leave

the region, but we will be there to fight off foreign terrorists. But

the Iraqis are going to have to determine their own future.

That's why this resolution is not in America's interest. Defeat this

resolution. Changing the course, having a definable objective in Iraq

is in America's interest.