Mr. Speaker, today is another

significant day in the global war on terrorism, as the House will adopt

the resolution supporting our troops to achieve victory over terrorism,

to protect American families.

I know firsthand of the capabilities and competence of our troops, as

a veteran with 31 years, service with the Army Reserves and National

Guard. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I have visited our

troops eight times in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. I know especially

firsthand of the progress from my oldest son, who served with the

National Guard for a year in Iraq, and this year I will have four sons

in the military keeping me informed.

Today we can join with the Senate's 93-6 vote for success in Iraq,

and I urge my colleagues to put aside partisanship to stand with our

troops promoting freedom.

I want to especially commend Chairman Henry Hyde for the clarity and

vision of the resolution. As cochairman of the Victory in Iraq Caucus,

I believe our choice is to defeat terrorism overseas, or we will face

them again on the streets of America.

The only way to achieve peace is through victory. In conclusion, God

bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.