Mr. Speaker, Winston Churchill said, ``Never, never, never

believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on

a strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will

encounter.''

Last night, the Commander-in-Chief addressed the Nation on the war in

Iraq, laying out a clear strategy for victory built on the courage of

our troops and the determination of the American people. The President

reminded us that the war in Iraq is a central battlefield in the War on

Terror that began the morning of September 11, and the President said,

when Iraqi troops stand up, American forces will stand down.

President Bush reminded me of that great leader Winston Churchill,

who also said, ``It is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we

have to do what is required.''

Let us do what is required. Let us win the peace and democracy the

good people of Iraq so richly deserve after decades of tyranny, and

then, and only then, let us bring our troops home.