Mr. Speaker, yesterday a bipartisan coalition of

Members of Congress introduced H.J. Res. 55, which is a binding

congressional resolution calling on President Bush to begin withdrawing

the United States Armed Forces from Iraq on or before October 1, 2006.

This bipartisan binding resolution is entitled Homeward Bound, and it

is about bringing our troops home. I would like to cite some provisions

of the statement of policy which is in H.J. Res. 55. It says that it is

the policy of the United States to announce, not later than December

31, 2005, a plan for the withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Iraq.

And, second, it is our policy to turn over all military operations in

Iraq to the elected Government of Iraq, and provide for the prompt and

orderly withdrawal of all U.S. Armed Forces from Iraq; and, finally, to

initiate such a withdrawal as soon as possible, but not later than

October 1, 2006.

Support H.J. Res. 55. Thank you.