Mr. Speaker, I just want to let you know that

this whole resolution is stomach turning for many Members, especially

myself and I know the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. Abercrombie) as

ranking member on strategic forces in the Committee on Armed Services,

and I am proud to serve with him in that committee, but to have a

resolution that does not even recognize the men and women that have

lost their lives in Iraq is just stomach turning. It is beyond

comprehension on how this administration, the Republican side of this

Congress, could pass a resolution and not mention those individuals

that came back in a box.

I mean, I am very concerned about that, and I think what we need to

focus on now is making sure that we come straight with the American

people. We have to make sure that we talk about accountability. We have

to make sure that we talk about troops that are coming back. I am not

even addressing right now, and in this resolution does not address,

those individuals that are in Walter Reed right now, right now in

Walter Reed Hospital, and I think it is important, and I am glad that

Iraq Watch continues to be here night after night sharing with the

American people the importance of making sure that we stand on behalf

of our troops, that we also make sure that we make sound decisions and

we continue to change the chart.

I am concerned about some of the comments that Vice President Cheney

has made. I am concerned about some of the comments the President is

making. I think that the comments of ``bring it on'' and ``complete

mission'' and ``I guarantee you that they will not shake the resolve of

America,'' it is good to have a talk of confidence, but to be able to

egg on these individuals, and to pass a resolution when a hotel has

been leveled in Iraq, many Iraqis lost their lives, many national media

individuals lost their lives, and not even recognize that and say that

it is safer now, I think is a huge understatement.

So I think that we need to continue to share with the American

people, if Democrats were brought in a part of this resolution, H. Res.

557, today, we could come together as a Congress, and it would be a

much better resolution.

I know I voted for the first resolution commending the troops, but I

think this resolution divided this House instead of bringing us

together to fight against the war on terror

Mr. Speaker, just quickly, I want to say this to

the American people and I hope that it is not the case that we value

oil over American blood. I am just saying that right now, and I think

it is very important to make the message very simple tonight for

Americans to understand.