Madam President, I

commend our distinguished colleagues,

Senator LIEBERMAN and Senator BAYH,

for joining my good friend, Senator

MCCAIN, and myself as we introduce

this resolution on behalf of the leadership

in the Senate. Certainly, those

leaders will join us on this.

I remember in 1991, Senator Dole,

Senator MCCAIN, and I led the effort on

this side of the aisle, and my good

friend and colleague of these many

years joined us. There was a historic

debate. We will now embark this great

body of deliberation on a similar debate

on this extremely important resolution.

I commend our President for the

leadership he has shown. This issue

would not be in the forefront worldwide,

the forefront in the U.N., and now

in the forefront of the U.S. Congress

had not this very bold and courageous

President undertaken the difficult task

of pointing out the perilous times in

which we live with regard to terrorism

and, most particularly, the threats

posed not by the people of Iraq, but by

Saddam Hussein and his regime.

Madam President, I wish to commend

Leader LOTT. We met with him this

morning. We have been meeting with

him through the day. Senator MCCAIN

and I and others have been a part of his

working group to achieve the maximum

bipartisan support obtainable on

this resolution. I am confident that

will be achieved. I am very confident,

given the leadership of our two distinguished

colleagues joining us here

today, because it is important there be

a solid phalanx of the House of Representatives,

which will have an identical

resolution, and the Senate joining

together behind our President and

speaking with one voice, as our President

and the Secretary of State, working

through the United Nations,

achieving, hopefully, a resolution

which will comport with the President’s

historic address to the United

Nations, and also a resolution that will

reflect the United Nations is going to

stand up as an organization and live up

to its charter and take on the responsibility

of bringing this question of

weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to

a conclusion so this world can be more

peaceful.

I thank my colleagues, most particularly

the four of us who are here today.

I yield the floor.