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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 248, and I commend the gentleman, my friend from Ohio, for his introduction of it.

Madam Speaker, I yield to no man, no woman in terms of my support for the heroic sacrifices that our troops in the military make each and every day of their lives and each and every day of our lives. They make sacrifices on the battlefield. They fight the wars. We are elected to be decision makers, and we can decide whether there is war or whether there is peace or, at the very least, whether there is peaceful pursuit.

I believe, as the people do in my congressional district, that there is a time and a season for everything, and after several years of war and hundreds and thousands of casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan, that the time has come for us to draw a line in the sand and say that it is time to bring our troops home. It is time to have a concrete strategy and a concrete date by which we can extricate ourselves from Afghanistan.

I want to commend the gentleman from Ohio for having the courage and the strength of his conviction to provide the opportunity to debate this issue. The people in my congressional district unequivocally and without a doubt are in agreement, and I strongly support passage of this resolution.