1989. Then we left the Afghans to fend for themselves. In short order, they had a civil war. The Taliban rose to power and provided a safe haven for al-Qaeda. Osama bin Laden established training camps where he trained some 20,000 terrorists in the late 1990s; graduates of those camps came here and killed 3,000 of our fellow citizens on 9/11.

Perhaps, at the end of the Cold War, it was difficult to imagine the impact of the U.S. leaving Afghanistan. The same cannot be said about leaving Iraq. We have to prevail in Iraq, and we can if we don’t choose to surrender.

In closing, I have a question for those on the other side.

If my Democratic colleagues believe our current struggle against Islamic jihadists in Iraq is such a mistake; if you honestly believe that you were lied to or misled into initially supporting this war and that there is no useful purpose for continuing; if you believe that the lives of those uniform in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice were truly wasted; if you believe that al-Qaeda and the threat of Islamic fascism confronting America is merely something invented by a small band of neoconservatives, or; if Islamic fascism is simply an ideological movement that can be appeased and reasoned with; then why are you seeking to continue funding our fight in Iraq for another day?

If you believe that Iraq is simply a mistake gone bad, then you should at least have the courage of your convictions and act accordingly. Vote to end the funding now.

Don’t string along those putting their lives on the line for you to make some sort of weak political statement. This may well be our “Profiles in Courage” moment. I implore you to do the right thing, not the currently popular thing. Support our men and women in uniform, and do it now.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the list of names, but I will submit them for the RECORD. They are from New Orleans, LA, and some from Mandeville; some are from Washington, DC, friends of the family who are here; and others are from outlying areas such as Maryland and Virginia who have joined us today to be part of the Senate.

Already this morning some of these girls have participated in closing the gap with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation that met on Capitol Hill out on the west lawn of our Capitol this morning to talk about the great effort that is being made to address breast cancer, particularly in this country, and to not only find cures but to offer preventive measures to help women and families stay healthy in our country. They have already participated in a press conference and will be joining us for another today as we work through our offices in and around the Senate complex.

I wanted to welcome them to the Senate. I will submit their names to be printed in the RECORD, and I encourage anyone in the Capitol complex, if you are not participating today, to think about next year and what you could do to contribute to make this day a special day for some child in either your family or in your community who could use an extra boost or some insight into a possible career for themselves.

I thank Senator REID for making the tour of the Senate possible today for the young girls and boys who got to spend time on the floor earlier this morning, and I thank minority leader MITCH MCCONNELL for arranging the special tours for that as well.

Mr. President, I again thank Ms. Magazine for inviting today as we work through our offices in and around the Capitol complex. If you know the children enjoy getting a day off from school, but it is more than that, and I have enjoyed participating these many years.

I ask unanimous consent that the list to which I referred be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Morgan Daigle, 11, New Orleans, LA, St. Dominic.
Christine Evans, 10, Washington, DC, National Cathedral School.
Katherine Evans, 10, Washington, DC, National Cathedral School.
Charlotte Ganucheau, 13, Mandeville, LA, Our Lady of the Lake.
Jamie Hauptmann, 11, Mandeville, LA, Lake Harbor, Middle.
Lena Jones, 12, Washington, DC, St. Peter’s Inter-parish School Capitol Hill.
Gabrielle Kehoe, 11, New Orleans, LA, St. Peter’s Church.
Kristen Landrieu, 12, New Orleans, LA, St. Dominic.
Morgan Mufson, 13, Washington, DC, Georgetown Day School.
Selin Odabas-Geldiay, 13, Washington, DC, Georgetown Day School.
Eliza Matthews.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I yield the floor.