Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our brave men and women

returning home from Iraq, especially Rhode Island's Company D, 126 TAC.

Thank you for your tremendous dedication, selfless efforts, and

courageous service to our country.

Tragically, thousands of our service members have made the ultimate

sacrifice, and I join all Americans in honoring their service and

sacrifice and those of their families.

It is because of you that we are able to enjoy the great freedoms,

privileges, and rights we have here at home.

With the homecoming of our troops from Iraq, we must keep our promise

to our veterans. On the battlefield, the military pledge is to leave no

soldier behind. As a Nation, let it be our pledge that, when they

return home, we leave no veteran behind. We must do everything we can

to honor them by guaranteeing they have the help they need in finding

employment, in securing housing, and in accessing quality health care.

The men and women who have served our country demonstrate the ideals

of bravery and patriotism. Now let us work together to create a future

worthy of their service.