Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong condemnation

of the atrocious behavior of a few, who have denigrated the values of

all our armed forces.

I salute the overwhelming majority of Americans who have treated

prisoners with respect; their actions have gone unheralded.

Sadly, this dreadful behavior has cast a cloak of mistrust on all our

brave men and women and could result in more lives being lost.

Mr. Speaker, we can't ignore the role that contractors and other

government agencies have played and their complicity in these crimes.

Their actions, as well as our policies, contributed to a terrible

atmosphere.

That's why I am disappointed this body failed to add a clause

regarding U.S. civilian contractors personnel and other U.S. civilians.

We must shed light on their role and hold everyone accountable.

The Attorney General and Secretary Rumsfeld should publicly commit to

cooperate to apply swift and firm justice.