Madam Speaker, a front page story in today's

Washington Post reports that once again we are sending our troops into

harm's way in Iraq ill equipped.

Madam Speaker, it is unconscionable that our Commander in Chief is

resigned to send another 21,500 of America's brave sons and daughters

into battle again not

Although the Deputy Defense Secretary and Chief of Naval Operations

told us in the Budget Committee last week that they will need another

$5.5 billion just to fund the surge, apparently that is not enough to

supply these troops with an adequate number of Humvees or training

needed to achieve the mission.

Short-changing our heroes in the face of a relentless insurgency is

unworthy of this Nation. If we cannot supply a surge, we must not

escalate our presence.

Madam Speaker, let us resolve to make this year the year of

transition out of Iraq that Americans have been waiting for. And let us

make sure our policy never again falls short of measuring up to the

valor and sacrifice of our troops.