Madam Speaker, 3 years ago this month, the fight for

liberation of Iraq began in the hot desert lands of the Middle East. On

March 19, 2003, American soldiers embarked on the war against tyranny,

treachery and terrorism. Since then, thousands of brave, passionate

Americans have fought for freedom for the Iraqi people.

As the song says, all have given some, and some have given all in

this battle for liberty and justice. The Americans went to Iraq as

freedom fighters and have established a democracy in that place that

has never known true freedom.

Those young Americans are all volunteers, and more Americans are

joining the military each day to continue this battle.

When I was in Iraq, I visited with those Americans, and they told me

they are winning this war on terror, and I agree with them. This is the

finest military ever assembled in history, and we owe them our support

and our resolve. I paraphrase what President Kennedy said, We will

support any friend, oppose any foe, pay any price to secure the defense

of liberty.

Some things are just worth fighting for, and freedom is one of those

things. God bless these Americans, and that's just the way it is.