Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we will receive the

constitutional address from the executive, and I hope tomorrow that an

olive branch will be extended to this Congress, an equal branch of

government.

This weekend has seen some 25 U.S. soldiers fall in battle. To their

families and their loved ones, I mourn their loss. They are heroes. And

so I rise to thank the United States military for heroically and

courageously doing their job.

Now it is time for the Congress to be heroic and courageous and cease

the funding of this ill-fated war. We are now to reject any suggestion

that continued funding protects our soldiers. Unless the President has

a political and diplomatic solution, no amount of military force is

going to resolve this sectarian fight.

I vote for cutting off the funds. I vote for a courageous and heroic

Congress

to save the lives of the young men and women of America, and I thank

them for their valiant and courageous service.