Madam Speaker, I rise today to give voice to many of my

constituents who, as we approach the fifth Veterans Day since the Iraq

war began, are as concerned as ever over our seemingly endless presence

in that country and the ever-dimming prospects for peace. I've received

a surge of prayers from my constituents regarding the war in recent

weeks and would like to read two:

From Orange, Connecticut:

From Hamden, Connecticut:

It is well past time to listen to these prayers, redeploy our troops

and bring them safely home.