Mr. Speaker, I just want a moment in

reflection of those that we lost on the front lines of Iraq and

Afghanistan in the absence of this Congress. I believe we owe them not

only a debt of gratitude, but also an apology.

It is time now for there to be a defined strategy by this

administration to return our soldiers home, those who have been

deployed once, two times, three times, and to have an orderly

redeployment as soon as possible.

I will not accept the condemnation that Democrats do not understand

the war on terror, nor will I accept the condemnation that we are not

patriotic or respect our soldiers, for we know a civil war when we see

it. We know bloodshed when we see it. We know a wrong policy when we

see it. We know a failed Secretary of Defense when we see it.

Might I just say for those of us who traveled across the country on

immigration hearings, there was much more testimony than undocuments

create a criminal situation in America. Undocuments are families and

children who are basically seeking an opportunity.

Democrats want border security. We want comprehensive immigration

reform. We are not here to condemn and suggest that those children are

the basis of crime in America.