Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked the 62nd anniversary of D

Day. On that day, thousands of young Americans made the ultimate

sacrifice in service to our Nation.

In the words of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, each of these

heroes stand in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die

that freedom might live and grow and increase in its blessings.

This unbroken line continues today as 2,778 brave American men and

women have fallen in their service to our Nation in both Iraq and

Afghanistan.

Last year, I led a bipartisan group of 21 Members of Congress in

reading the names of our most recent fallen into the Congressional

Record. We made a commitment to continue this reading as long as the

fighting continues.

God bless and keep each of the brave Americans whose memory we honor

today in our hearts:

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize and thank the brave men

and women who continue to serve our Nation with distinction in Iraq and

Afghanistan and throughout the world and thank their families also for

their sacrifice.

Our thoughts, our prayers are with you and your families both during

your service and after you come home.

Mr. Speaker, if I mispronounced any of our members' names who I know

the family take pride in honoring, I apologize. I want to thank again

each of these men and women who have served our country and their

family for their ultimate sacrifice.