Mr. Speaker, I do not believe any of us who

believe in a civilized world and the respect for human life, respect

for the rule of law and just an outright commitment, appreciation and

connection to our fellow Americans could imagine the heinousness of the

act yesterday in Iraq that took the lives of five of our soldiers and

four civilians. We now have lost more young men and women in the United

States military in postwar Iraq than we did during the declaration or

the call for war by this administration.

My sympathy goes out to those families who mourn, those who mourn for

their loved ones that died before yesterday and, of course, the heinous

act of yesterday.

It is time now for the Bush administration to tell the American

people the truth. How long and what efforts will they take to stop this

reckless violence against both our troops and as well civilians, to

begin to put together a collaborative effort, Mr. Speaker, so that this

kind of violence is stopped and that our work is unanimous with our

allies and that we can truly provide for democracy in Iraq.