Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to associate

myself with the reasonable presentation and offering of the gentleman

from Pennsylvania (Mr. Murtha), who has allowed this Nation to debate a

very important issue of redeploying our troops.

Mr. Speaker, as I join him in his excellent leadership, I would offer

to my colleagues the thought of engaging American diplomacy and

providing an international coalition to provide the support and

security for Iraq, to convene a summit of Arab nations to ensure that

our Arab allies are involved in the security of Iraq, to stop the

redeployment of American troops for multiple tours of duty, to have the

allocation of resources and attention to cover the 15,000 injured

soldiers and proceed for their medical and educational services, and to

establish a special memorial for those who have come home from Iraq and

those who have lost their lives on the frontlines of Iraq, and then to

provide this Nation with a comprehensive exit strategy to redeploy our

troops.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday I stood with disabled veterans in Houston.

They join me in this request. I look forward to this debate.