Mr. Speaker, we recently marked a sad milestone in the

war in Iraq, as the number of Americans fallen surpassed 2,500. We owe

it to each of these families to do everything we can to honor the debt

of gratitude we owe them, a debt that can never be fully repaid.

Over the past year, I have led 20 other Members of Congress from both

parties in reading the names of the fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan into

the Congressional Record.

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

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

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

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

today:

This brings our total to 1,957 names read.

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,

Afghanistan and throughout the world.

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

your service and after you come home.

God bless America.