Mr. Speaker, today's New York Times states that a

London-based group of academics and researchers has released a report

on civilian casualties in Iraq for the first 2 years of the war. The

report, based on analysis of civilian casualties reported in the news

media, states that 24,865 civilians were killed and about 42,500

wounded.

The report goes on to list its findings specifically. We also know

that there is another study which was published in October of 2004 in

the Lancet, the British medical journal, according to the New York

Times, that says that some of the estimates of Iraqi civilian deaths

range as high as 100,000.

I have stood on this floor many times and bemoaned the loss of our

American troops, but I think in the name of humanity we have to start

thinking

about the impact that this war is having on the civilians in Iraq.

Their lives are being destroyed. Their families are being wiped out.

House Joint Resolution 55 sets the stage for bringing our troops home

and ending this tragedy in Iraq.