Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago this Friday the

historic liberation of the Iraqi people from Saddam Hussein's vicious

tyranny began. Thanks to the leadership of President George W. Bush and

the courage of our military with coalition partners, Iraqis no longer

fear Saddam's torture chambers and executions. Instead, millions enjoy

the hope of freedom and democracy.

Today, Iraqi women have the freedom to participate in government and

children are going to newly renovated schools. Decades of neglect by

Saddam are being reversed in record time as health clinics, water

sources, electricity and sanitation are being restored throughout the

country.

Most importantly, the world no longer lives under the constant threat

of a madman who harbored and supported terrorists.

After World War II, we helped rebuild Germany to assist it from

becoming a breeding ground for communists, and we were successful.

Today we are rebuilding Iraq to assist it from being a breeding ground

for terrorists, and we will be successful in protecting American

families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops. And we will never forget

September 11.