Mr. Speaker, as a military veteran, I was saddened and

outraged to hear the stories this past week of physical and

psychological abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the hands of U.S. soldiers.

This outrageous behavior goes against everything America stands for.

It is a serious breach of military discipline. It is a disgusting and a

shameful violation of human rights. It is un-American, and it

jeopardizes the future freedom in Iraq and the Middle East, and it is

sad that the 99.9 percent of the U.S. military which has conducted

themselves honorably will now be defamed because of the actions of a

few.

In a war for hearts and minds, these actions do not help, and those

responsible should be held accountable; but let us remember the

terrorists we are fighting.

In Saudi Arabia this weekend, terrorist extremists murdered five

Western oil workers, tied one body to a car and drove around with it

like a hood ornament. One terrorist murdered a pregnant woman and her

four daughters, and then put a bullet in her stomach to make sure the

job was complete. We remember the scenes from Iraq of the bodies of aid

workers drug through the streets recently.

I have no doubt the U.S. will exact justice on our soldiers. If we

could only get the terrorist extremists and their leaders to do the

same.