Mr. President, I recognize and praise the

outstanding contribution of Delta Group Electronics and Canberra Aqulia

of Albuquerque, NM, and New Mexico State University to ongoing efforts

to protect our service men and women from improvised explosive devices,

IEDs, in Iraq.

One of the greatest threats to our military personal deployed in the

global war on terrorism is the IED. These devices used by terrorists

and insurgents in Iraq are the single greatest cause of American

casualties. These remote controlled bombs are used to attack American

forces individually and as part of larger assaults on patrols and

convoys.

While the up-armoring of military vehicles has provided a partial

solution to the problem of combating IEDs, a better solution is to

prevent IEDs from exploding at all. The IED countermeasures equipment,

ICE, being fielded by the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq is designed to

accomplish this goal. ICE will jam the radio signal which is used to

detonate many of these devices.

Delta Group Electronics and Canberra Aquila are an integral part of

making ICE available to our soldiers in Iraq. Aqulia Technologies Group

Inc. has been located in New Mexico since 1971. Delta Group Electronics

has been operating since 1987.

These companies have been instrumental in delivering ICE to our Armed

Forces in Iraq at one-third the cost of previous IED countermeasure

systems. I thank them for helping to insure that our brave soldiers

fighting the global war on terror are safer from these kinds of

attacks. I have no doubt that both of these companies in the future

will continue to contribute significantly to the national security of

our great Nation.