Mr. Speaker, the Democrats owe our majority to the

American public who voted us into power for one simple reason; they

trusted us. They trusted us to act boldly to hold this administration

accountable and to bring our troops home. So far, we're failing the

very trust that they've placed in us.

But, more importantly, every day that we allow this occupation to

continue, we are failing our brave young men and women, those who are

serving honorably and professionally in Iraq, and we are failing their

families here at home who are struggling to keep their lives and

families together, who are forced to worry whether their loved ones

will come home alive or actually in one piece.

Today is not an opportunity to claim victory or to give bellicose

speeches for partisan debate. Today is an opportunity to grieve for the

soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for this President who has

failed Iraq in his policies.

Today is a day to stand by our Nation's sons and daughters who suffer

through irreparable physical and mental wounds.

Vote ``no.''