Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution. Let us

review and remember the history of Saddam Hussein, a history of

torture, murder and massive abuse of human rights. Saddam was not only

an aggressor against his neighbors, but he murdered his own people.

This is an outrage against all humanity.

Under Saddam Hussein, torture was widely used. Rape was a standard

practice to intimidate and punish families, an outrage against women

and all humanity. Murder was common. Truckloads of bodies took away

victims. Ethnic cleansing was practiced with precision and effective

organization, again an outrage against humanity.

The mass graves he created could barely hide the devastation of

Saddam Hussein. Let us remember that Saddam Hussein was known in his

own neighborhood, the Middle East, as The Butcher of Baghdad. Back in

1998, Saddam Hussein made a poison cocktail for the town of Halabja,

using a combination of nerve agents, mustard gas and conventional

munitions to kill 5,000 innocent Iraqi civilians, again an outrage

against humanity.

And from 1983 to 1988, he went on an ethnic cleansing rampage against

Iraqi Kurds, killing nearly 30,000 and wiping out 60 individual

villages.

If you were not marked for death, Saddam Hussein was a master at

torture and these were his favorite tools of torture, electric shock,

drip acid on victims' skin, gouging out eyes, pulling out fingernails,

suspending individuals from rotating ceiling fans, and for those who

spoke ill of Saddam Hussein, they ripped out those victims' tongues.

This is all an outrage against humanity.

There are over 400,000 unidentified bodies being unearthed in Iraq

which call out for justice. I have a photo of a woman searching the

remains of a mass grave for a loved one. Tell me this is not a just

cause for freeing Iraq from Saddam Hussein.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress, this President, and our American military

men and women had the leadership, the courage, and made the sacrifice

to liberate Iraq from the mad, mad man, Saddam Hussein. It was the

right step to take for all humanity.