Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri for

yielding me this time, and I rise today in support of our service men

and women who need much more than the words we speak here today to help

them in Iraq.

As the fires from the most recent terrorist attack today in Baghdad

burn against the night sky, I am moved to remember Army Specialist

Christopher Jude Rivera Wesley, who died in Iraq, the first Chamorro

casualty of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I also want to take time to pay tribute to Army Specialist Hilario

Bermanis of the 82nd Airborne Division. He joined the Army from the

Federated States of Micronesia, and after losing both legs and his left

hand fighting in Iraq, he has now become an American citizen. I visited

him at Walter Reed Medical Hospital. One day he might even become a

Senator, like Max Cleland, who also sacrificed for his country a

generation before him.

In my mind, this resolution affirms that we are yet to do everything

that we can for our troops. We need the best technology to defend our

troops and care for the wounded, the best diplomacy to make sure they

do not stay a day longer than they have to, and the courage of our

convictions to finish the job.