Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in commending

the brave men and women who have liberated the Iraqi people. And I want

to express my heartfelt sympathies to those families who have lost

loved ones in battle. Did we do the right thing? I would say we did.

Hundreds of mass graves containing the remains of as many as 400,000

victims of Saddam Hussein have been found in Iraq. For those of my

colleagues who have not seen it, I would urge them to get a copy of

``Iraq's Legacy of Terror: Mass Graves,'' published by USAID. Let me

quote from it:

``Rows of white bundles containing bones filled room after room.

Families filed by searching for signs of those who had disappeared,

some stolen during the night, others taken in daylight. Even small

children were not spared the butchery. Some graves hold a few dozen

bodies, their arms lashed together and the bullet holes in the backs of

skulls testimony to their execution. Other graves go on for hundreds of

meters, densely packed with thousands of bodies.''

We have learned from survivors about Iraqi citizens being

indiscriminately detained, men, women, children, the elderly, the

blind, the aged, led to the edge of a swamp and executed one by one.

Why? Just to let everybody know who was in charge. We know that

Saddam's psychopath sons were as evil as their father. His eldest son

Uday boasted that when it was his time to rule Iraq he would be even

more brutal than Saddam. It was Uday who routinely had his thugs

deliver women to him so he could rape them. It was he who was said to

have fed a young woman to his attack dogs. It is he who reportedly

abducted and violently raped a newlywed. After she committed suicide,

he had her husband arrested and executed.

Now, because of the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women of our

Armed Forces, Saddam is behind bars, Uday and Qusay are roasting in

hell, and 25 million Iraqis are free.

Did we do the right thing? I think we did.