Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues have said, the people of

Iraq have chosen ballots over bullets. I want to congratulate the

United States forces, the coalition forces, and of course the Iraqi

security forces which did a phenomenal job over this past weekend.

I would like to share, Mr. Speaker, with my colleagues a letter that

came from the family of Byron Norwood, who, you recall, was killed in

the battle of Fallujah last November. His parents were in the gallery

when President Bush delivered his State of the Union message. They

wrote to the Marines who are getting ready to be redeployed: