Mr. Speaker, on this day of debate while we discuss the

merits and perils of our involvement in the war on terror, there is one

sentiment that is shared by every Member of Congress: our admiration

for our Armed Forces who risk their lives each day in defense of our

freedom. Within these Halls of democracy where we passionately

represent our constituents, it is important to recommend that the

democratic way of life that is at the heart of what we do would not be

possible without the men and women of our Armed Forces.

The brave men and women of our military are often called upon to

travel great distances away from their families and loved ones to fight

for the freedom that all Americans hold dear. Each time one of them

enters into battle, it is with the knowledge that they may be asked to

make the ultimate sacrifice for their country, giving their lives to

secure our great Nation.

In recognition of these heroes, we have placed a memorial display in

the Rayburn horseshoe foyer featuring the name of each and every member

of our forces who has fallen as a result of the current conflict in

Iraq and Afghanistan.

It is my hope that the many Members, staff, visitors, students, and

constituent groups who visit the House office buildings each day will

take a moment to stop by the memorial and reflect on the gift of

freedom given selflessly by these honored individuals to every

American.