Mr. Speaker, I want to express my

deepest concern for the situation that is worsening in Iraq.

March 19 of this year will mark the fifth year of war, and still Vice

President Cheney states that the Democratic strategy toward Iraq

validates al Qaeda's agenda. This comment really means that anyone that

disagrees with him gets accused of this issue.

Terrorists instill fear in their enemies, and it is this fear that

generates self-defeating behavior. It is this fear that led the

American people to believe that war was a validated solution, and still

try to link it to September 11. It is this fear that has cost the

United States billions of dollars on Iraq reconstruction plans, while

neglecting our own system.