Mr. Speaker, our proud troops in Iraq last night deserved

an address that showed a President committed to effectiveness and

truth. The sad fact is that these administration policies are based on

failure and falsehood.

The failure is that, a full 2 years after the Iraq war started, we

still have less than 15 percent, less than three battalions, that this

administration has effectively trained that are ready for combat

operations to replace American military personnel and bring them home.

This is a spectacular record of failure. After 2 years of us here in

this Chamber demanding that the President train these troops so that

they can replace the American GIs and Marines, we have three

battalions, and that is it; after 2 years?

This has happened because of the rose-colored glasses that this

administration has worn, thinking we were going to be greeted like

liberators in Paris. They were wrong. And it is based on falsehood,

falsehood when the President stood right behind me and said that there

was WMDs. There was not, and now he is trying to bait and switch.