Madam Speaker, we mark another sad and tragic milestone

in the war in Iraq. Two thousand American soldiers have been killed in

the war in Iraq.

We must end this war. How many more of America's finest have to die

for this war before we realize that the quagmire in Iraq cannot be

solved by military force, and that our occupation is counterproductive?

Iraq has been a colossal failure of American policy. From the

beginning this administration has waged a campaign of misinformation

and has continued to deliberately mislead the public and this Congress

about the realities on the ground. The truth is that Iraq will never be

free and the insurgency will not end until we end our occupation and

allow the decisions about the future of Iraq to be made in Baghdad, not

Washington.

As Americans we lament the loss of every American life and every

American injury and every Iraqi civilian casualty. We mourn the first

casualties as much as the 2,000th casualty.

Now more than ever, we need to support the troops. Support the troops

by bringing them home.