Madam Speaker, yesterday we marked a solemn milestone:

over 2,000 American military personnel have now given their lives

fighting in Iraq. 246 Americans have also fallen in the line of duty in

Afghanistan.

We owe these brave men and women and their families a debt of

gratitude that can never fully be repaid. In July of this year, I led a

bipartisan group of 21 Members of Congress in reading the names of the

fallen into the Congressional Record. Tonight we continue this tribute

by reading the names of some of those who have fallen recently to

complete the list.

At that point we had said we would read every American's name as an

official part of the Congressional Record. In the words of President

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, each of these heroes stands in the unbroken

line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow

and increase in its blessings.

God bless each of them and keep each of the brave Americans whose

memory we honor tonight in our hearts: 1st Sergeant Alan Nye Gifford,

Specialist David H. Ford IV, Staff Sergeant Regilio E. Nelom, Sergeant

1st Class Lawrence E. Morrison, Specialist William L. Evans, Specialist

William V. Fernandez, Sergeant Michael Egan, 1st Lieutenant Mark H.

Dooley, Sergeant Pierre A. Raymond, Staff Sergeant William Alvin Allers

III, Sergeant Travis M. Arndt, Specialist Scott P. McLaughlin,

Specialist Kevin M. Jones, Specialist Mike T. Sonoda Jr., Sergeant Paul

C. Neubauer, Sergeant Andrew Joseph Derrick, Sergeant Brian E. Dunlap,

Staff Sergeant Daniel R. Schelle, Sergeant Shawn A. Graham, Sergeant

Kenneth G. Ross, Sergeant Tane T. Baum, Warrant Officer Adrian B.

Stump, Sergeant Patrick D. Stewart, Chief Warrant Officer John M.

Flynn, Sergeant 1st Class Casey E. Howe, Master Sergeant Tulsa T.

Tuliau, Private Elijah M. Ortega, Sergeant Andrew P. Wallace,

Specialist Michael J. Wendling, Sergeant Howard P. Allen, Lance

Corporal Steven A. Valdez, Staff Sergeant Robert F. White, Staff

Sergeant Jason A. Benford, Private 1st Class Oliver J. Brown,

Specialist Lee A. Wiegand, Sergeant Eric W. Slebodnik, Staff Sergeant

George A. Pugliese, Staff Sergeant Daniel L. Arnold, Airman 1st Class

Elizabeth N. Jacobson, Sergeant Steve Morin Jr., Sergeant 1st Class

James J. Stoddard Jr., Staff Sergeant John G. Doles, Staff Sergeant

Jens E. Schelbert, Specialist Joshua J. Kynoch, Sergeant Marshall A.

Westbrook, Staff Sergeant Timothy J. Roark, Sergeant Larry Wayne Pankey

Jr., Private 1st Class Roberto C. Baez, Specialist Jacob T.

Vanderbosch, Sergeant Bryan W. Large, Corporal John R. Stalvey,

Sergeant Sean B. Berry, Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian K. Joplin,

Private 1st Class Andrew D. Bedard, Lance Corporal Carl L. Raines II.

Madam Speaker, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, who wrote to the

mother of five fallen soldiers in the Civil War, ``I pray that our

Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave

you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn

pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the

alter of freedom.''

I would also like to thank the brave men and women who continue to

serve our Nation in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world, and

serve their country with distinction and honor. Our thoughts and

prayers and gratitude are with you and your families at this time until

you return home.

Madam speaker, in case I mispronounced any names of any of the

individuals, I apologize to them and their family. This brings us to

little over 2,136 names read out of the 2,246.