Madam Speaker, I rise today to once again express my

deep concern about this war in Iraq, which is a violent, endless

quagmire. Those of us who dissent on this war support our troops. We

honor our troops. We respect our troops. In fact, one of the things

that we have tried to do is urge the other side of the aisle to provide

budgets that actually support our troops when they come home.

It is shameful that our veterans' budgets get slashed each and every

year. If Members of Congress are going to send young men and women over

to Iraq to fight in this war, we had better make sure that when they

come back they have the resources they need to get on with their lives.

We have lost 2,000 Americans in this war. There is no end in sight.

There have been no weapons of mass destruction. There was no imminent

threat. There was no nuclear threat. There was no tie to al Qaeda.

This war has nothing to do with the War on Terror. In fact, it has

diverted important resources from the overall war on terror. We need to

get our priorities straight. We need to focus on the war on terror. Let

us end this war in Iraq.