Mr. Speaker, there are 1,917 American military personnel

who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and

Afghanistan. We owe these brave men and women, and their families, a

debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid.

It is our responsibility to honor the ultimate sacrifice that our men

and women in uniform have made while serving our country. We often

invoke their sacrifices in general. Seldom do we take the time to thank

them individually.

My colleagues and I would like to take this hour and recognize these

individual heroes on the floor of the people's House, their House. Over

the next hour, and continuing next week until we finish, we will read

the name and rank of each service member who has fallen in the Iraq and

Afghanistan theaters of war.

By reading these names into the Congressional Record, we hope to

ensure that our Nation never forgets their sacrifice, and their

families will know that their loved ones will be part of the official

Congressional Record.

As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, your loved one, ``stands

in the unbroken line of Patriots who have dared to die that freedom

might live, and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and

through it he lives, in a way that humbles the undertakings of most

men.''

God bless, and keep each of the brave Americans whose memory we now

honor.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Frank).