Mr. Speaker, let me just reflect on what we

owe the men and women on the frontlines of Afghanistan and Iraq. I

think we owe them the best equipment, the best leadership, and the best

minds. So I was disturbed as I read the article in the USA Today that

indicated that more soldiers were being killed in the utilization of

Humvees in 2005 and 2006 than had been in the years past in the war in

Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, it is important and imperative that an immediate

reaction be given and an action be taken by the Department of Defense

to help save the lives of our young men and women on the frontlines,

the reinforcement of Humvees, new technology in body armor, new

technology in head gear. Our children are dying. They are without the

proper body armor and Humvees, and that is insufficient for a country

of this size.

Finally, it is imperative that a full accounting be given about the

dollars that have been spent in Iraq as to what they have been spent

for, why they have been spent, and, of course, an accounting that shows

that no corruption has taken place.