I thank the gentleman. I appreciate the time, and I

appreciate your calling attention to so many of these important issues.

We have heard today that there is an agreement between the White House

and the Senate on the issue of interrogation.

It has amazed me, Mr. Speaker, that so many people that work here in

the Capitol, most of them down at the other end, have not understood

what really goes on. You would have thought, especially someone who had

been a POW, would understand what people like my hero, former POW Sam

Johnson, understands, that, as he has pointed out to me, Korea signed

on to the Geneva Convention, Vietnam signed on to the Geneva

Convention, they did not observe it at all. Yet we had people in this

Capitol saying, gee, we have got to be careful because it might cause

mistreatment of our troops.

All you got to do is look around, look at the news, read the news.

Our troops have been, are being, mistreated. When you stick a knife and

cut the guy's throat and head as he is screaming, that is not somebody

that observes the Geneva Accords. We don't do that kind of thing. We

never have, never will. But we are in a war for our survival.

One of the things that has probably amazed my friends on this side of

the aisle is we have heard even from a former marine lambasting current

active duty marines as being cold-blooded killers, as saying the

Defense Department is all engaged in this coverup. They need to give

credit where credit is due.

I spent 4 years in the Army, and I can tell you having visited troops

around different spots in the globe and the country, we have the best

fighting forces, men and women, ever in our history; and they deserve

better treatment than they have been getting. Oh, yes, we hear, oh, we

support our troops, and in the same breath turn around and lambaste

them.

So if it would be permissible, I would like to pay tribute to one

more. I did this last night, a man that won the Congressional Medal of

Honor for his bravery and heroism. I would like to pay tribute right

now to another gentleman. I have been asking for information on people

that won our Nation's highest awards, to pay tribute, as a contrast to

what some of our friends across the aisle have done in lambasting and

criticizing so unfairly our troops.

Tonight, I would like to recognize another true American hero. On

October 28, 2005, Dallas native Captain Joshua Glover was presented

this Nation's third highest award for valor in combat, the Silver Star

Medal.

The 2001 Naval Academy graduate received his award in Washington,

D.C. from the commandant of the Marine Corps, General Michael Hagee.

Glover received the award for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity

in action against the enemy while serving as 81mm mortar platoon

commander with Weapons Company and quick reaction force platoon

commander, 1st Marine Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine

Division, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on April 13, 2004, in

Fallujah.

That morning, First Lieutenant Josh Glover led and directed his

platoon through enemy lines to recover classified material from a

downed CH-53 helicopter. As the sun came up, they started receiving

incoming fire, including a mortar fire explosion that created three

casualties.

With wounded marines, Glover got permission to return to base. On the

way back, the convoy ran into between 30 and 40 insurgents hiding in

reeds, irrigation ditches and standing by the road firing from the hip.

As they plowed on, one of the Humvees was hit, wounding several more

marines, which also included one fatality.

Running on flat tires, the convoy made its way back to base, only to

be sent out again 7 hours later. Despite losing one of their own that

morning, Lieutenant Glover's marines were ready to go again under his

command.

About 15 marines were trapped behind enemy lines after insurgents hit

their amphibious vehicle with several rocket-propelled grenades,

killing one marine and wounding two others. Under heavy insurgent fire,

a rocket-propelled grenade, or an RPG, was shot at Glover's vehicle at

close-range and thankfully missed.

Glover and his marines found themselves up against a company-sized

Iraqi force along the enemy's main line of resistance where as stated

in the Silver Star citation: ``He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy

fire as he engaged enemy targets at point-blank range while directing

the rifle platoon's relief and coordinating recovery operations.''

Ultimately, Lieutenant Glover and his marines fought their way

through to the marines trapped and were able to get them and the slain

marine's body out.

When asked about the war, Lieutenant Glover humbly diverted attention

away from himself and said, ``I received this award because of

something we did as a platoon. I am really proud of what we

accomplished that day.''

He said, ``When you are in combat, I think you do it for your fellow

marines. You know you got 60 reasons why you have got to do it well.''

While the battle for which Glover was awarded was a success, he feels

the enormity of the price that was paid. ``I lost a marine that day, as

did another unit in the battalion. We cannot separate the victory from

the loss, and I think we need to do our best to make them and their

families proud.''

In addition to the Silver Star, Captain Glover has also received two

Purple Hearts, a Navy Achievement Medal and a Navy Commendation Medal,

both with combat distinguishing device for valor. He served three tours

in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand here tonight and share this

story of heroism, bravery and humility. Josh Glover, like so many

others fighting alongside him, represent the best of the best. That is

the kind of story America needs to hear, not predetermined judgment of

our fine troops. They deserve our support, not just in lip service

that, oh yes, we support the troops, but are they ever a bunch of cold-

blooded killers. That is not support. That is both condemnation and

hypocrisy.

So it is an honor to stand here with my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, and

pay tribute to our troops. They are not only protecting freedom, they

are spreading freedom, and we ought to thank God for them, as we do,

and thank God for our freedom, thank God for our liberty, and thank God

for the opportunity all of us have to serve.