Mr. Speaker, in his second inaugural address just days

ago, President George W. Bush restated our Nation's longstanding vision

as the beacon of liberty and the arsenal of democracy on planet Earth.

This Sunday, January 30th, because of the leadership of that same

Commander in Chief and the courage and sacrifice of our American

military and their families, that vision will take one more step

forward on Earth with the free elections taking place in the war-torn

nation of Iraq.

The Good Book tells us that where the spirit of the Lord is, there is

liberty. So I know I rise on behalf of millions of Hoosiers when I say

to the good people of Iraq, you not only have our sons and daughters

and our resources, but you will have our prayers; and our prayers are

with all the good people of that nation as they take this small step

toward liberty. May it be the beginning of a permanent break with their

tyrannical past.