Mr. Speaker, since the President's escalation of the war

in Iraq began, every month we have had more and more proud, dedicated

people from Fort Lewis, Washington, and their families learn they were

never coming home. Those men and women have been fed into Iraq by a

President whose policies in Iraq were wrong at the beginning, were

wrong in the middle, and will be wrong at the end.

The fact is very clear from all of the reports that we have been

reading in the last week: whether we stay 6 days or 6 weeks or 6 months

or 60 years, the destiny of Iraq will be determined by the Iraqi

people.

And what we have learned in this escalation is that it failed; it has

failed to accomplish its design of political reconciliation in Iraq.

And until the Sunnis and Shiites reconcile their interests, all of the

king's horses and all the king's men are not going to put Iraq together

again. It is time for an orderly exit from Iraq.