Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, as a West Point

graduate, and as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, I am

saddened by recent revelations at Abu Ghraib Prison. I am sad and

disappointed and feel personally attacked by an organization I hold in

high esteem.

The Chaplain said today in his prayer that we seek justice, equity,

and freedom. In this case, we failed.

A commander is responsible for all his unit does and fails to do.

This is a basic creed of the United States Army.

As the criminal proceedings unfold and those involved receive the

consequences of their actions, some officers in charge need to stand up

and say, I was in command, and I failed.