Mr. Speaker, the United States must begin to present an

exit strategy in Iraq. Bombing the villages to save the villages is not

an exit strategy. It is absolutely horrific that as many as 100,000

innocent civilians may have perished in Iraq. Stopping troops who have

served their tour of duty from returning to their families is not an

exit strategy. Expanding house-to-house fighting across Iraq is not an

exit strategy.

The United States must develop an exit strategy in Iraq. It must

bring our troops home, and we must seek a new relationship with the

United Nations to help make this possible.

In the weeks ahead, I will join with other Members of the House in

expanding this discussion. We have a new Congress coming up. We have to

take new directions. And we can start by discussing a new direction for

Iraq that will result in the United States getting out, bringing our

troops home and reestablishing our relationship with the world.