Mr. Speaker, again, a significant milestone was reached

this past weekend in the recovery of the sovereign nation of Iraq.

On my most recent trip to that country this past August, it was clear

that the constitution was the key that gets them through the door to

the next part of their ability to govern themselves.

There are things in this country that we take for granted, things

like bank to check, things like transfer of title of real estate,

things that are not possible in a country that does not have a

constitution, things that are not possible in a country that does not

know the rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, in excess of 60 percent of the people of Iraq braved the

terrorists, braved the threats of violence to go out and vote. We stand

with the people of Iraq today, but mostly we stand with our troops who

made this all possible, and I salute their efforts.