Mr. Speaker, this evening I wish to enter into the Record

the compelling story of one of our soldiers from Iraq.

This is a soldier who voluntarily joined our Army in February 2002;

trained as an infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia; sent to Fort Riley;

participated in the opening stages of the war, fighting all the way to

Baghdad where he would remain for the next year and was promoted to the

rank of sergeant during his service to the United States and was

honorably discharged. He is 27 years old.

His writings include this: A view of Iraq from a soldier dated this

July 2005. He says,

He talks about members of the Bush administration creating an image

of wine and roses in terms of the aftermath of the war. And Vice

President Dick Cheney said American troops would be greeted as

liberators. But he goes on to say,

this soldier says,

Mr. Speaker, I will continue this Special Order later this week, and

I thank this soldier so much for his courage to tell what he personally

lived in Iraq.