Madam Speaker, three members of the Army National

Guard's 1132nd Military Police Company based in Rocky Mount, North

Carolina, were recently killed in support of our Operation Iraqi

Freedom after an improvised explosive device detonated near their

vehicle.

Twenty-seven-year old Sergeant David B. ``Blake'' Williams, of

Tarboro, North Carolina, was from my district. He was serving a second

tour of duty in Iraq, and was recently awarded a second Army

Commendation Medal for his exceptional service during combat duty.

A few moments ago, Madam Speaker, I spoke to Susan Legett Williams,

the mother, and Mary Beth Williams, the sister, to express not only

sympathy from the Congress of the United States of America but to

express appreciation from a grateful Nation.

May God bless the entire Williams family during this difficult time

in their lives.