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“Make no mistake about it, international approval of the progress of freedom in Iraq is a victory for this president, and, I would add, a fitting tribute to the president in whose memory we will gather later today.”

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