Contact: Matt Lloyd

PENCE CALLS ON ADMINISTRATION TO RELEASE PRISON ABUSE PHOTOS

Washington, May 12, 2004 - (Photo: Pence travels to Iraq as part of a Congressional Delegation, March 2004)
Washington, D.C.- Congressman Mike Pence gave the following speech on the House floor today asking the Bush administration to release all the photographs of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib prison.

“Mr. Speaker, despite the horrendous acts of a few American soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison, we are winning the war in Iraq.

“We are investigating and punishing those among our own engaged in wrongdoing and as the brutality and desperation of yesterday’s beheading of an American attests, our enemies know they are losing. While I support freedom for the good people of Iraq, I support President Bush and Secretary Rumsfeld.

“I rise respectfully to encourage the administration to bring an end the lurid parade of photographs leaking their way into the national media by immediately releasing all photographic records of abuse of prisoners by American personnel.

“Abraham Lincoln said it best, ‘Give the people the facts and the Republic will be saved.’ In this case, Mr. Speaker, the Republic we save may be that free and democratic Republic of Iraq in the 21st century.”

###