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Rep. Nunes and Majority Leader Boehner pause for a picture with Lt. Commander Correia after a press conference on conditions in Iraq.

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## **My Fact Finding Mission to Iraq**

Recently, I was honored to take part in a Congressional Delegation Fact Finding Mission to Iraq. I was invited by Majority Leader John Boehner to take part in this important endeavor, and I am grateful I was able to join my colleagues in investigating part of the defining struggle of my generation. Operation Iraqi Freedom is one phase of the overall plan to bring freedom and democracy to countries that have struggled for years under the rule of dictators and tyrants.

At this time, Iraq is front and center in the Global War on



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Terrorism. Ignoring this fact would risk the future of democracy in the region. While some claim that more work needs to be done elsewhere in this world-wide struggle, they often do so only to discredit the effort in Iraq. The bottom line is that it would be foolhardy to ignore the work and progress that have been made in Irag.

Furthermore, the job that America's noble and brave soldiers are accomplishing to bring about change by beating back foreign insurgents and winning the hearts and minds of the average Iragi citizen has given me renewed strength and resolve to win this war. These honorable men and women are doing their part to help train Iragi civilian police and military forces in order to give Iraqis the power to police their own country. This is a goal they are deeply committed to achieving, and I will do my part in the House of Representatives to ensure that they have the resources and support necessary to conduct this vital mission.

During my time in Iraq, I took part in briefings conducted by top American military officials, discussed the security situation with local Iragis, and was even honored to meet a constituent and high school classmate, Lt. Commander Steve Correia of the U.S. Navy. After meetings and discussions with these folks. I was left with one impression: We must remain committed to freedom and democracy in Iraq. If we do. we will win the Global War on Terrorism. Jovin Nunes

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