WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), the ranking female member on the House Armed Services Committee, today issued the following statement regarding the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq:

“As the U.S. prepares to end combat operations in Iraq, Americans across the country should take a moment to thank our troops for their service. In the face of a difficult, often unconventional conflict, our men and women in uniform confronted every challenge with courage and conviction. Without their sacrifices, this day would not be possible.

“After more than seven and a half years of war, our troops will be welcomed home with open arms. In Congress, I will continue to advocate for our men and women in uniform and fight to provide them with the services and benefits they have earned. Upholding this commitment to our veterans and their families is absolutely sacrosanct.”