Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the

House to an anniversary that should not pass without reflection. My

colleagues, 19 years ago, President Reagan stood in a divided Berlin at

the Brandenburg Gate and challenged Mikhail Gorbachev to

Today, as our brave men and women in the Armed Forces

fight the global war on terror, we should remember the determination of

President Reagan as he spoke those words in a divided city and the

inspiration he brought to the people of Berlin and to the world.

Asked how he felt about the wall, President Reagan called it, quote,

an ugly scar on the face of Berlin, a city of culture and history which

was celebrating its 750th anniversary when Reagan visited it.

Today we recognize that the ideology of terror is an ugly scar on the

face of Islam, and in our struggle against it we should bear in mind

the lessons of the Cold War, a struggle that bears a deep resemblance

and relevance to the global war on terror we wage today. Like the Cold

War and the global war on terror, we face an ideology rather than a

hostile state. Like communism, the creed of terror is expansionist,

uncompromising, and poses a threat to freedom loving people everywhere.

In waging war against such an ideology, victory cannot be found on a

single battlefield. The Cold War stretched from Asia to Africa to the

very heart of Europe, just as our struggle today reaches from the

Philippines to the mountains of Afghanistan to, as we recently saw, our

neighbor Canada. Terrorism will strike wherever freedom reigns, from

London to Madrid, to a quiet field in Pennsylvania.

The Cold War proved to be a generational conflict, spanning decades,

and the global war on terror may prove an equally daunting task. But as

in the Cold War, the fanaticism of our foes leaves no room for

negotiation or compromise. The global war on terror is a fight we must

win. The stakes are far too high to fail.

At the time of his speech in Berlin, the Soviet news agency called

President Reagan's words openly provocative and warmongering, while

some sources in the American news media were no kinder. When President

Reagan called the Soviet Union an evil empire, many criticized him for

his black and white point of view.

These criticisms sound familiar today, but the verdict of history is

in. Within a decade of President Reagan's provocative speech, the Cold

War ended with freedom's triumph.

Today, each news report of a bombing in which Iraqi women and

children are slaughtered is a glimpse of a new evil empire of terror,

reminding us that evil is alive in the world and must be opposed, the

words of Edmund Burke ring true:

I am proud to say that, as a Nation, we are meeting that challenge,

not leaving evil unopposed. Last week we won a major victory with the

death of the terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Our Armed

Forces and intelligence services deserve congratulations for their fine

work, along with the first responders, border agents, and other heroes

at home who stand ever vigilant hoping their services will never be

called into need.

My colleagues, in a generational struggle like the one we face, we

should remember that we are the strongest when we stand together.

Fortunately, we do not stand alone. We stand with allies from across

the world, including many who have come face to face with terror. As

President Reagan addressed his remarks in Brandenburg to the people of

Eastern Europe, let us remember that those living under oppression or

fear of terrorism will be heartened by the determination we show in

this fight.

During his visit to Berlin 19 years ago, President Reagan was struck

by the words of a young Berliner who had spray painted on the wall that

divided the city: America has always been a beacon of hope, a living example of the

transformative power of freedom. As the people of Berlin took up

sledgehammers against the infamous wall and broke Communist's grip on

the city, Americans know that as freedom and democracies take root in

the new Iraq, when we see ink-stained fingers raised in defiance of

threats, the people of the Middle East and the world will demolish

terror with their ballots, and freedom will again triumph.