Mr. Speaker, throughout the past 3

years, U.S. troops have built an elaborate counterterrorism network

that has enabled coalition forces to capture or kill hundreds of

terrorists in Iraq.

Their skilled persistence and dedication are saving the lives of

countless Iraqi citizens and American families. Last Wednesday evening,

the safe houses of terrorist Zarqawi became the final destination of

two 500-pound bombs dropped by a single F-16C aircraft. Although this

tremendous military achievement occurred within moments, it was

actually the work of a coordinated counterterrorism operation involving

U.S. troops, Iraqi security forces, coalition troops and Iraqi

citizens.

In the wake of this historic event, we must continue to support our

troops as they work to achieve victory in Iraq. House Republicans are

committed to fulfilling this mission to ensure that our troops sharpen

their intelligence capabilities on the battlefields of Iraq instead of

the streets of America, protecting American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget

September 11.