Mr. Speaker, democracy dealt terrorism another major blow

last week with the defeat of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the mastermind

behind countless brutal acts of terror.

This was a crucial victory for Iraq's new democracy, and major

setback for the terrorists who seek to destroy that democracy.

Mr. Speaker, we all know the sacrifices our military has made to

ensure our freedoms and our safety. They fought bravely and served

honorably. That is why I cannot understand why some members of the

press and some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle put a

negative spin on our military's accomplishments.

These folks need to focus on the great progress we are making and

stop listening to liberal newspaper editorial columns. Last week's

silencing of al Qaeda's top leader in Iraq should silence their false

views on the war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close with a quote by an Army major

serving his third tour in Iraq