Mr. Speaker, I have just returned from visiting our

troops in Iraq. I have seen the damage Zarqawi inflicted. I visited the

areas where Zarqawi lived and terrorized people. And I have met the

brave soldiers who ultimately tracked him down and killed him.

I visited Amman, Jordan, where Zarqawi killed 60 people by bombing

three hotels. I toured the special operations command center in Iraq

with General Stan McCrystal a three-star general in charge of tracking

down Zarqawi. All over the walls of the command center were posters of

Zarqawi.

I flew in a Black Hawk helicopter around the area of Ba'Qubah where

Zarqawi was ultimately located. I also toured Baghdad where Zarqawi

intimidated the U.N. by bombing their headquarters and where al-Jazeera

TV once broadcast a videotape showing Zarqawi personally beheading an

American citizen.

I was with President Bush at the White House on June 7 when he got

the message that al Zarqawi had been killed. However one feels about

the war in Iraq, realize that our troops deserve our support 100

percent. God knows they have earned it.