Mr. Speaker, this week, I introduced legislation that

requires terrorists to be tried in military courts. The American people

are outraged that foreign terrorists that are waging war against the

United States are being treated as common criminals. The al Qaeda-

trained Nigerian terrorist accused of trying to blow up Flight 253 on

Christmas Day--I was in Detroit that day--is only the latest example of

this misguided policy.

The mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks is going on trial in New York

City, just blocks from Ground Zero. Even the New York Democratic

Governor disagrees with this approach.

Putting terrorists on trial before military tribunals has many

benefits, including the fact that sensitive U.S. intelligence sources

and methods will be protected. I urge all my colleagues on both sides

of the aisle to support and cosponsor the Military Tribunal for

Terrorists Act.