Mr. Speaker, though the triumphs go

largely unreported by the media, our men and women in uniform and the

Iraqi people are making tremendous progress every day in Iraq. An

example is the Army Corps of Engineers is currently building 150 new

primary health care facilities that will provide Iraqis with basic

medical care, maternity and emergency services, and medical training.

As families throughout Iraq welcome these facilities to their

communities, our troops know they are greatly improving the lives of

the Iraqi citizens. As a 31-year veteran of the National Guard with a

son who has served a year in Iraq and two additional sons in the

military, I know firsthand of the military's competence and success.

Last month I along with the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. Green) and

over 118 other Members established the Victory in Iraq Caucus to ensure

that more people are aware of the great achievements which protect

American families. Today, the caucus announced a weekly e-mail service

that will deliver the good news from Iraq. As our soldiers continue to

fulfill their mission, we applaud them on the path to victory to win

the war on terrorism.

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

September 11.