Mr. Speaker, last night the President

hailed the success of Navy SEALs to achieve the death of mass murderer

Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden declared

war on America and British citizens years ago by serving as the

architect for terrorist attacks worldwide that culminated with the

September 11 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent civilians on

American soil.

His death is a testament to the resolve of our professional military,

counterterrorism and intelligence officials to achieve ultimate victory

over terrorism. Their combined sacrifice and commitment played a

pivotal role in closing this chapter of the global war on terrorism.

The entire Nation will be forever indebted for their service which

promotes victory and peace.

American families still face many threats of extremist challenges in

places like Afghanistan and Iraq, which bin Laden identified as the

central fronts in the global war on terrorism. Bin Laden's death does

not end the war, but it does serve as evidence that the American forces

can penetrate the heart of the most extreme terrorist organizations and

bring their leaders to justice worldwide.

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

September 11th in the global war on terrorism.