Mr. Speaker, as we all, understandably, join in extending

congratulations to the President and Navy SEAL Team 6 and all those who

have been involved in the amazing accomplishment of last night, I think

it's very important for us to look back almost 10 years ago.

I have just gotten off the phone with former Speaker Dennis Hastert,

who reminded me that when the attack took place on September 11 of

2001, President Bush and he and others came together to do everything

that we possibly could to ensure that the United States of America

would never face the kind of attack that we had on September 11. Our

former colleague Porter Goss, who was chairman of the Intelligence

Committee, went on to serve as Director of Central Intelligence, and

our former colleague, Jane Harman, of course, going back to the time

when President Clinton was President--so many people have been involved

in this effort to ensure that we would not face the kind of attack that

we did.

And, Mr. Speaker, I think it's very important to note on this day

that we have been successful in the past 10 years. We, of course, as

reports have come forward, need to remain vigilant. But I want to

extend congratulations to all those who have played a role in ensuring

our safety.