Mr. DesJARLAIS. Like all Americans, I was relieved to hear the news

that the world's most notorious terrorist would no longer be able to

pose a threat to those who seek peace and freedom. We owe a great deal

of gratitude to our brave men and women serving in uniform, as well as

our intelligence officers, for successfully bringing down Osama bin

Laden and scoring a major victory in the fight against terrorism. These

individuals truly deserve our Nation's deepest appreciation for the

selfless work they do in order to keep us safe.

Unfortunately, this occasion is bittersweet. As we reflect on those

that laid down their lives in defending our freedom, these individuals

made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we enjoy the precious

blessings of liberty. While there is nothing that can replace the lives

that have been lost, I hope that their loved ones can take some solace

in the fact that the man responsible for September 11 has been brought

to justice. Yesterday should send a clear message to those that engage

in terrorist activities that we will find you and you will pay for your

crimes. We are America, a Nation built by and defended by heroes, and

we will prevail in the war on terror.