Mr. Speaker, for those of us who were here

on 9/11 in this humble place and saw the building smoke, we know what

today and the last 24 hours have meant. Thank you to the Navy SEALs for

their bravery, for their strategic genius, for providing a safety net

to bring them all out, to make sure that the women and children were

protected.

Thank you to President Clinton, President Bush, President Obama, the

continuing chain of those who experienced terrorism who worked

together. Thank you, President Obama. And, again, to the families of

the victims, no one knows the story, those who were victims whose

family members died at the USS Cole or in Africa or on 9/11 or in 1993.

So I ask us not to move forward in this country as Democrats or

Republicans but as Americans, not as conservative radio talk show

listeners who seemingly cannot find a glistening of hope. But come

together as Americans. Osama bin Laden is dead, and we have the

opportunity to thank the Navy SEALs and the United States military. And

we have the ability to move forward as Americans, to move forward for

peace and democracy and to be able to thank those who have laid down

their lives, who sacrifice so that our flag can fly and justice can

prevail in our Nation and around the world.