Mr. Speaker, this upcoming September 11 will mark the 10th

anniversary of the most horrific act of terrorism, executed under the

leadership of the now deceased Osama bin Laden.

We will never forget the images of burning buildings, crashing

planes, and Americans running for their lives. Three thousand people

never came back home that Tuesday, and families will again remember the

last time they hugged their loved ones good-bye. What will be different

this September 11 is that Osama bin Laden will no longer be able to

celebrate the destruction he caused and the lives he destroyed.

President Obama, we thank you for a superb operation. Thank you for

having the courage to make the decision so many would have backed away

from.

Because of President Obama's team of experts, this risky mission was

backed by sound information, solid facts, and accurate calculations.

His goal was clear: Get Osama bin Laden. And that is exactly what

happened. This is truly a mission accomplished.

I commend our Commander in Chief, Barack Obama, for his intelligent

execution. This is not a celebration of death; this is a celebration of

justice, courage, sacrifice, and democracy. And this is a celebration

of leadership.

Mr. President, your 40-minute operation has helped bring closure to

so many Americans for a lifetime.