Mr. Speaker, as we have

appropriately celebrated the successful mission to take out Osama bin

Laden, there has been one discordant note sounded in the Halls of

Congress, and that is with the testimony of the Attorney General of the

United States. There still is a reluctance on the part of this

administration to recognize the major contribution made to this country

by those who were involved in enhanced interrogation techniques which

resulted in part of the information, the intelligence information, that

allowed us to find Osama bin Laden.

The reason I bring this up is this administration has said in the

past that certain types of enhanced interrogation techniques equaled

torture. I do not believe that to be true, and for that to remain on

the record subjects those men and women who have done a tremendous job

for this country, which has resulted in one of the successful missions,

in addition to other missions that have taken place in our war against

terror, subjects them to the cloud of prosecution in the future and the

accusation that they involved themselves in forms of conduct that would

be defined as torture by some of the highest officials in the United

States. That is something that we cannot allow to happen.

When we have the CIA Director indicate that we did receive

information as a result of some of these activities, it seems to me

that we are duty bound to clear up the record and to thank those men

and women, not condemn them.