Mr. Speaker, I am here to congratulate the

men and women of our Armed Forces who have cornered and captured the

leader of al Qaeda in Iraq, al Zarqawi. His death dealt a harmful blow

to his followers who practice and preach hate, death, and fear.

Better yet, the raid on the warlord's hideout produced a slew of

information: policy, propaganda, and paraphernalia. Even Zarqawi says

they are losing.

Just as important is what transpired after they uncovered that

intelligence: 452 raids since the killing of al Zarqawi, 104 insurgents

killed, and 759 anti-Iraqi elements captured. This morning's news

release claims the death of Zarqawi's replacement.

One man said,

This is big news for democracy and freedom. Our men and women in

uniform deserve the utmost respect and thanks, and I would like to

honor them for a job well done