Mr. Speaker, as my colleague was saying, we have

talked quite a bit about Hurricanes Katrina and Rita today and over the

past few weeks, and we do express our sympathies to all of those

families that have been affected.

I had a colleague mention a moment ago something about Iraq, the war

against terrorism, spoke about it from the negative. I want to

highlight a positive and a real victory, a significant victory in Iraq.

Al Qaeda's second-highest ranking operative in Iraq was killed in a

joint strike by U.S. and Iraqi forces. This is a huge win, Mr. Speaker,

a huge win for our troops and for freedom; and it is another sign that

we are taking al Qaeda and the terrorist organizations apart, piece by

piece.

Whether they are in Iraq, Afghanistan, or working to infiltrate our

borders, we are working to uncover and destroy the terrorists' network.

We are being led in this effort by our men and women in uniform. God

bless them and their good work, and bless those wonderful American-

Iraqi forces who are leading in this war against terror.