Mr. Speaker, yesterday's New York Times

proclaims loudly that

during Thursday's historic elections.

Throughout the world, people were waking up to the great news about

Iraq's most recent democratic victory. USA Today discussed the

inspiring turnout in Iraq, while even Knight Ridder declared that high

voter turnout in Iraq promises fully representative parliament.

The National Review reported that U.S. troops describe a festive

atmosphere across Iraq. The Los Angeles Times wrote that the ballot box

is the new battle ground. The Boston Globe described how, for one Sunni

family, casting ballots was an act of resistance.

I was particularly pleased to learn that the BBC reported the Iraqi

vote met global standards. From New York to London, the mainstream

media finally recognized and reported the clear successes of the

election which delivered a devastating blow to terrorists and

ultimately helped protect American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget

September 11.