Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Washington

Post reported the U.S. military has discovered in southern Fallujah the

main headquarters of an al Qaeda organization of Abu Musab Zarqawi,

who claims responsibility for bombings, kidnappings, and beheadings

across Iraq.

As a grateful parent of three sons in the U.S. military, including an

Army National Guard member in Iraq, as a proud veteran of 31 years of

service in the Army National Guard and as a Member of Congress, I have

never been more proud of America's heroes fighting in the frontlines of

the War on Terrorism in Iraq. Despite defeatists who slander every

success, America's military will succeed to protect America's women and

children from barbarian murderers.

It is more clear than ever President Bush is correct:

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

September 11.