Mr. Speaker, behind me you see a photograph

that shows the true meaning of the Iraqi election. It is an Iraqi woman

smiling, holding up the victory sign accentuated by the blue ink on her

finger indicating that she had voted. That victory sign stands for

victory over dictatorship, for victory over terror, victory for

democracy, victory for freedom.

No wonder she is smiling. One voter remarked, and it may have been

this woman, I moved to mark my finger with ink. I dipped it deep as if

I was poking the eyes of all the world's tyrants.

I am so proud of all the men and women we have in uniform, because

without their sacrifice, their service, their dedication to the cause

of liberty, none of this would have been possible. They have once again

spread freedom and in doing so have made America safer and more secure.

Some politicians have said that we should not overhype this election.

Pardon me if I disagree. We should trumpet every victory for freedom

from the highest mountaintops. Let freedom ring across the globe.