Mr. Speaker, since 2003, the United

States Agency for International Development has supported efforts to

revitalize Iraq's economy, improve education, develop a vibrant civil

society, and assist Iraqis in the development of their new democracy

which protects American families by denying terrorists training camps.

Thanks to USAID, 10 sewage treatments plants in Iraq have been

refurbished; 97 percent of Iraqi children

have been immunized against polio; 8.6 million new textbooks have been

supplied to Iraqi schools; 790,000 Iraqis participated in town meetings

on democracy during their historic elections; five cities in Iraq have

19 refurbished or expanded water treatment plants; nearly 3,000 Iraqi

schools have been rehabbed; 2,500 Iraqis have been trained to provide

primary health care; 1,200 megawatts of new/rehabilitation generation

capacity have been added to Iraqi's electricity grid.

Today, the Victory in Iraq Caucus will host USAID Iraq director Dawn

Liberi to learn more about progress taking place throughout Iraq. I

urge my colleagues to join me for this important event.

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

September 11.