

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today issued the following statement on President Obama’s announcement that U.S. military forces had killed Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan:

"At this time, we remember the deaths and injuries that resulted from bin Laden’s vicious attacks on our embassies, ships, planes and the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and the many thousands of deaths caused by the havoc he sowed. Our hearts once again go out to all the families affected.

“Today, America’s military and intelligence services demonstrated why they remain the best in the world. Osama bin Laden’s removal will not immediately end the threat of terrorism against the United States, but his death represents a crippling blow to the organization responsible for the 9/11 attacks. I congratulate President Obama and the dedicated and brave members of our military and our intelligence services for acting to eliminate this threat to the American people.

“The length of time this has taken to accomplish—more than 13 years since the embassy bombings—reminds us that military and paramilitary operations have limitations and the fight against terrorism requires a multifaceted approach and reminds us that we must develop as much international cooperation as possible to defeat it.”

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