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## Statement by Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos

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The welcome news that the military forces of the United States killed terrorist leader Osama bin Laden hopefully brings a measure of peace and closure to thousands of New Yorkers, including many of my constituents, who lost loved ones, neighbors and friends on September 11th. Their lives will never be the same because of bin Laden's actions, but after almost ten years, justice has finally been done.

I commend the President for taking decisive action and I want to thank the men and women of our armed forces who have tirelessly pursued bin Laden for almost a decade, as well as all Americans serving overseas, who are putting their lives in danger in the name of freedom.

While the leader of worldwide terrorism is dead, we must keep up our guard to ensure that all Americans here and abroad are safe from his followers and others who would bring harm to our country.