Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my

support for President Bush in extending our war on terrorism

to the countries that make up the axis of evil:

Iran, Iraq, and North Korea. These

countries have all been designated as

state sponsors of terrorism, and all

three are engaged in the proliferation

of weapons of mass destruction.

Today, Iraq poses the most serious

threat to America’s national security.

Iraq and Iran were engaged in a war

from 1980 to 1988 which killed approximately 1 million people.

Just 3 years after this war was over, in 1991, Iraq invaded

Kuwait. Two years after the Gulf

War in 1993, Iraq tried to assassinate

President George H.W. Bush when he visited Kuwait.

Iraq has consistently destabilized the

Middle East over the past 20 years and

is trying to acquire weapons of mass

destruction which can be used against

America and our allies. We should

work with our allies to finally bring

peace, stability, and democracy to the people of Iraq.

We must also prevent other nations

from undermining our efforts to bring

about a stable, democratic government

in Iraq. Mr. Speaker, I fully support

President Bush’s efforts to eradicate

international terrorism, which threatens all free, democratic nations.