Mr. Speaker, let me first say that I

know I speak for all of my colleagues

across the political aisle in paying

tribute to the gentleman from California

(Mr. CUNNINGHAM), one of the

true military heroes serving currently

in the Congress of the United States.

Here is a man who participated in

battles, knows the tragedy of war, but

also understands that while war is horrible,

appeasement brings far greater tragedies.

Before yielding to one of our most

distinguished Members, I would like to

pay tribute to every colleague yesterday

who participated in this debate.

The debate, Mr. Speaker, took place in

a dignified, statesman-like, serious

manner as befits the topic; and I want

to pay tribute to every single Republican

and Democratic colleague who

took part in yesterday’s debate, and I

know today’s debate will be similar in

tone and tenor.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 7 minutes to the

gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER),

my dear friend and one of the most distinguished

Members of this body and

one of the leaders on the Democratic side.