Madam Speaker, as

Congress commemorates the 61st anniversary

of the independence of Israel, I

rise to express my deep concern that

the future of this nation is gravely

threatened by Iran’s pursuit of nuclear

weapons.

Iran’s radical regime only desires the

demise of Israel and longs for regional

dominance. It is now on the cusp of acquiring

the weapons needed to potentially

achieve both.

Nations that value liberty and peace

must stand strongly against Iran’s dangerous

behavior. The United States

must confront this looming crisis with

resolve and strength.

I have cosponsored the Iran Sanctions

Enabling Act, which would significantly

undermine Iran’s lucrative

energy sector. Congress should pass

this legislation and show our steadfast

support for Israel.