Mr. Speaker, first, I

join with my female colleagues in supporting

full health coverage for every

single woman in our Nation.

I also rise to condemn the actions of

Syria’s Assad government, which are

truly appalling. America and this

House should not be sitting silent as

thousands of Syrian civilians are

slaughtered by their government.

Assad is not a man of peace, as some in

this body have asserted. He is an international

war criminal. His bloodstained

hands should be shunned the

world over.

The United Nations now believes that

over 100 civilians are being murdered

daily, including women and children.

Estimates vary as to how many civilians

have been killed since Assad’s regime

launched its brutal crackdown

down on peaceful demonstrators in

Syria in the spring of last year. CNN is

reporting as many as 9,000 people have

been killed in the last year, yet the

leadership of this House remains silent.

The Senate passed a resolution in mid-

February. Why haven’t we?

I and my colleague, Congressman

KEITH ELLISON, have introduced a resolution

identical to the bill the Senate

just passed on a bipartisan basis. And I

urge my colleagues to speak out

against the unspeakable violations

that take place every moment.

Doing right is long overdue. Let’s

stop the horrors and mobilize the world

to stop the killing.