Madam Speaker, over

the past few years this administration

has been beating the drums of war

against Iran. There are parallels

against their efforts to try to create a

war against Iran and the falsehoods

that set us on the path to war against

Iraq. We know that the United States

intelligence community was able to

demonstrate that the administration’s

claims that Iran had a nuclear weapons

program were in fact not true.

The January 6 incident at the Strait

of Hormuth is still another cause for

this Congress to look deeply at the administration’s

Iranian war buildup, because

it appears from news reports that

the Department of Defense grossly inflated

an encounter that took place in

the strait, an encounter that was not

like any that had taken place before,

and then not only inflated it, but fabricated

information that would cause

the American people to believe that

Iran was demonstrating military aggressiveness.

We really have to get off the path of

war towards Iran and start working on

building diplomatic relations.