Madam

Speaker, the world is much smaller

today than it was; and when we particularly

focus in on the Middle East,

we need peace. However, I am deeply

disturbed by the remarks of the new

Iranian President, Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad, when he was addressing

4,000 students, using the language of

Ayatollah Khomeini, where he says and

threatens: ‘‘Anybody who recognizes

Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic

nation’s fury.’’

Who is this guy? We cannot allow

this kind of language to stand in this

day and age. We must make sure that

we condemn this kind of language and

those kinds of acts. Here is a guy with

a questionable background. Some of

our hostages say that he is the individual

who was there when they were

held in Iran. The international community

must come together and make

sure that there are no nuclear reactors

there. We must make sure that it is

clear that we are going to stand by our

friends and allies in Israel in this regards

and that we are going to be the

ones that are going to force peace to be

in the Middle East and we are not

going to have this kind of rhetoric language

continuing. We cannot allow this

man with this questionable background

to continue to go unchecked.