Madam

Speaker, over the past several years, I

have worked hard to remind my colleagues

in Congress and the Americans

that they represent of a real threat of

a nuclear Iran. The Obama administration

has been engaged in discussions

with Iran during the last several

months.

As many of us expected, the President’s

open hand to Tehran was met

with a clinched fist. Despite international

efforts to negotiate with Iran,

Iranian leaders continue to be devious

and defiant. Enough; now is the time

for Congress to act. Fortunately today

the House of Representatives did.

Iran already possesses enough nuclear

fuel to build two nuclear weapons.

Even while negotiations were taking

place, Iran continued to enrich uranium

in defiance of five United Nations

Security Council resolutions, increasing

its supply of uranium and becoming

more and more dangerous each and

every day.

While there are many domestic issues

that demand the attention of us in

Congress, we must not forget an Iranian

call for a world without a United

States or an Israel. A nuclear-armed

Iran threatens the safety of American

troops in the region. It is a threat to

Israel’s existence, emboldens terrorist

groups Hamas and Hezbollah and leads

to a perilous nuclear arms race in the

Middle East.

These are all things we cannot accept

and must not tolerate.

Passage of the Iran Refined Petroleum

Sanctions Act takes an important

step to counter the Iranian threat

to our national security and to that of

our strong democratic ally Israel.