Mr. Speaker, I am

very, very concerned. President Bush

initially wanted the authority in the

October 16, 2002 Act of War to use force

to restore peace and security in the region,

not just Iraq.

We rejected that. The Congress of the

United States, Mr. Speaker, rejected

that and said no. The exercise of the

authority granted in the resolution,

read the resolution, is conditioned on

the President certifying that war in

Iraq would not harm the war on terrorism.

We will make a point of that

over the next 3 days.

Iran has an oppressive economy. We

must understand Iranian culture in

order not to make the same mistakes

we made in Iraq. Ethnically, Iranians

are of Indo-European descent and have

no kinship to their neighbors in the

Middle East. Their language is Indo-

European, with grammar and structure

similar to classical Latin. They do not

identify with Arabs.

We do not understand the Middle

East. We made that mistake once, we

should not make that mistake again.