Mr. Speaker, I rise today in

strong support of H. Res. 65 and I strongly

condemn the most recent North Korea nuclear

weapons test.

It is unacceptable that the North Korean regime

continues to ignore repeated calls from

the United Nations Security Council and the

international community to halt its pursuit of

nuclear weapons. Despite repeated overtures

from the international community, the North

Korean regime continues to blatantly ignore all

attempts to create a permanent peace on the

Korean Peninsula.

By conducting this nuclear weapons test,

the North Korean regime has decided to brazenly

disregard the Agreed Framework of

1994, the Joint Statement of September 19,

2005, the Agreement of February 13, 2007,

and four United Nations Security Council resolutions.

On February 12, 2013 the United Nations

Security Council met again and unanimously

condemned the North Korean regimes

most recent nuclear weapons test.

This most recent test threatens to destabilize

the entirety of Northeast Asia and is a

direct threat to U.S. national security. That is

why I encourage President Obama and the

international community to take swift action

against this irresponsible and dangerous behavior.

I support new and stronger sanctions

against North Korea to show that we mean

business. We cannot simply continue to expand

previously passed sanctions—they are

not working.

My heart goes out to the people of North

Korea. On a daily basis, the North Korean

people are subject to countless violations of

their human rights including forced labor, starvation

and wrongful imprisonment. Ignoring

the plight of their own people, the North Korean

regime would rather continue to isolate

themselves, instead of reengage the international

community to find meaningful and

commonsense solutions. It is my hope that for

the sake of their starving people, that the

North Korean regime will halt any additional

nuclear weapons tests.

Mr. Speaker, as the proud Representative of

one of the largest Korean American populations

in the country, many of whom fear for

the safety of their friends and family abroad, I

urge my colleagues to support this vital resolution.

We must not stand idly by as North

Korea continues to threaten U.S. national security

and our friends and allies in the region.