Mr. Speaker,

there’s a grim update coming out of

the nation of Iran. Last week, the Government

of Iran executed two of the 11

people who had been arrested and sentenced

to death for peacefully protesting

the government. They were

hanged. Iran announced yesterday that

nine more people sentenced to death

will be hanged in the public square.

On Saturday, 16 more protestors went

on trial for their lives. Hundreds of

people were arrested in December when

liberty advocates again protested in

the streets of Iran by the thousands

and at least eight people were murdered

by the government.

What was their crime? Speaking out

against the rigged presidential election

last June, speaking out against a dictator

who murders his own people,

Ahmadinejad.

The people reject the Tiny Tyrant of

the Desert, Ahmadinejad, and they’re

killed in the streets and sentenced by

the government-controlled courtrooms

to die for peacefully objecting to fraudulent

elections.

So death by hanging from the Liberty

Tree was their fate, but their silent

voices are still heard proclaiming

freedom throughout the land of Iran.

They died martyrs for their country;

they died for human dignity; they died

alone but not for themselves alone but

for every Iranian that believes in the

human right of freedom.

Next week on February 11, Iran will

mark the 31st anniversary of the Islamic

Revolution. The revolution

promised the people of Iran liberty, but

it has imposed tyranny. The occasion

is usually marked by government-run

rallies throughout the country, but the

leaders of the freedom movement are

asking the people to once again risk

their lives and stand in opposition to

government tyranny and governmentcontrolled

rallies.

The government is accused by opposition

leaders of executing two

protestors to scare the people into silence

on the anniversary of the revolution.

Now, the Tiny Tyrant in the

Desert, Ahmadinejad, says, The Islamic

Revolution opened a window to liberty

for the human race. What a lie. The

Iranian Government doesn’t know

what the word ‘‘liberty’’ even means.

The head of the Islamic Revolution

Guards in Tehran, Brigadier General

Hossein Hamedani, warned in the

media that the opposition movement

would be barred from making an appearance

on February 11. He said, ‘‘Any

voice, color, or gesture which is different

from that of the Islamic Revolution

and from the Iranians’ voice

should be driven out of people’s

marches,’’ saying violators would be

‘‘severely dealt with.’’ So much for

freedom of speech. So much for freedom

to peaceably assemble and protest

the government.

Plus, those in the media are being

controlled as to what they can report,

allowing only government propaganda

to be preached to the people. Is this

what the Iranian Government calls liberty?

This is tyranny by Dictator

Ahmadinejad.

The United States should not remain

silent about the oppressions of the Iranian

people. The next great hope for

the world and world peace is that the

people of Iran remove their illegitimate

regime and put in a government

that is duly and legally authorized by

the people. The United States should

stand with the Iranian people with

their request for freedom and let them

know we support their voice for freedom

over tyranny, liberty over oppression.

And while the dictator may kill

the body of those freedom fighters, he

will not succeed in killing the spirit of

freedom that they have proclaimed

when they lived.

The Tiny Tyrant of the Desert,

Ahmadinejad, is trying to intimidate

his people and intimidate the world. He

is trying to divert attention away from

his unpopular government. He is

threatening the world again saying

Iran will ‘‘deliver a telling blow to

global powers on February 11.’’ Could

this be a threat? Another advance in

Iran’s quest for nuclear weapons?

Our quarrel is not with the people of

Iran. Our quarrel, the world’s quarrel,

is with the Government of Iran. The legitimate

government of Iran is the

world threat to peace. Ahmadinejad

and his henchmen are waging internal

war against the Iranian people, and he

desires to rage war against other nations.

We should join hands with the

sons of liberty and the daughters of

Iran in protest of tyranny, oppression,

and murder in that country.

Iran needs a regime change because a

nuclear Iran is not a nuclear option.

And that’s just the way it is.