Madam Speaker, earlier

this week, Iran tested a new longrange

missile. This missile has a range

of up to 1,200 miles and can reach our

troops in the region, as well as many of

our allies, including Israel.

This was not done in the name of

peace. Rather, this launch was a grab

at power, an attempt to threaten Israel

and our other allies in the region. Now,

more than ever, we must stand by our

friends.

Iran, on the other hand, can only rejoin

the society of nations with an

olive branch, not a ballistic missile. We

must not allow our allies in Israel and

across the Middle East to fall under the

threat of a nuclear Iran, nor can we

allow Iran to achieve a dominant position

in the region through intimidation.

The safety and security of millions of

people depend on a strong and determined

stance by the American people

and all of the community of nations.