Madam Speaker, the President had a historic opportunity

in 2003. He had the support of the Congress. He had the support of the

United Nations. We had inspectors in Iraq. It was determined that they

had no weapons of mass destruction, and yet the President decided to

invade.

Just think what would have happened if instead of on that day an

invasion began, the President said, Let's keep this international

coalition together. Let's move to Iran with the coalition. Let's ensure

that they do not have a nuclear weapon.

Now the new President of Iran is stating that the United States and

the world will not get in the way of Iran and nuclear weapons. The

United States is more in danger, Israel is more in danger, the world is

more in danger, because of the bad decision President Bush made on that

day in 2003 when he invaded Iraq.

Instead, we are on the brink of a nuclear Iran and North Korea, and

we are in a quagmire in Iraq as we referee an insurgency that will

breakout into civil war as soon as the United States leaves.

This is a historic mess. The President had a chance for a Nobel Peace

Prize. Instead, he is going to go down in history as someone who

completely mismanaged nuclear nonproliferation and the politics of

Iraq.