Thank you, Mr. Hunter. I certainly add my own

feelings toward the words that you just spoke on behalf of Charlie

Norwood. None of us know when we have to step from this floor for the

last time. This man, while he was here, maintained a sense of honor. He

was always committed to doing those things that would bring better hope

to future generations. He was honorable among us, and we can certainly

salute that kind of brotherhood that he represented to all of us.

I certainly pass along my own condolences and also congratulations to

his family, because in a sense Charlie Norwood's dreams were fulfilled

in that he dreamed to be a statesman, and he certainly rose to that

occasion in every way.

I suppose it is in a sense a little bit of a statement to all of us

that the brief moments that we have here should be spent debating those

things that would truly make a difference, not only for this

generation, but for whatever generations remain to America.

Madam Speaker, tonight I think that is what I would like to talk

about. There is an old Indian Iroquois quote that says that the secret

to the universe is in the true naming of things, and as we debate

tonight, it is easy for us to see each other as the opposition or as

the enemy.

I think tonight, if all else should fail us, we must consider who the

real enemy here is. This one is a little different than those that we

faced in the past, because even though there are parallels, this is an

ideology. This is not just a group of people that we face in Islamic

jihadism. It is an ideology that I believe has the seeds of danger in

it for the entire human family.

I think it becomes very, very important for us all to understand that

one thing, because in a sense right now the battle that goes on across

the world related to terrorism is a battle between those who are deeply

committed with their lives to the destruction of the Western World on

one side of the equation, and on the other side of the equation the

opposition is largely asleep, and I think that nothing represents a

greater danger to us than not only knowing what we face, but being

completely oblivious to its potential.

I believe that the ideology of jihad has the ability and even the

propensity to germinate and one day threaten the entire human family.

And even though America is engaged in some type of fight against

terrorism and jihadism in nearly 70 countries across the world, whether

we realize it or not, in the eyes of the leaders of jihad, Iraq is the

frontline of that conflict, and it becomes profoundly important that we

recognize it from their perspective, because in any ideology, one must

understand that to grow, it must somehow take root and resonate in the

hearts of the potential recruits.

One of the things that causes this ideology to grow is a sense of

victory on the battlefield, and leader after leader in the jihadist

movement have said that Iraq is critical to the survival of their

ultimate goal.

I know that we have faced dangerous ideologies before. There are a

lot of people who have parents and family members that faced the Nazis

down in World War II, and yet just a cursory glance at history helps us

understand that the parallel here is real.

There was a time when the Nazis were just a bunch of lunatics riding

bicycles across France, and nobody paid much attention to them. They

spewed a hate and a sense of superiority over their fellow human beings

and even a sense of being willing to subordinate the innocent life of

others for their own ideology. We did not pay much attention to them

until it began to grow and the fires of this ideology began to spread

across Europe.

In the final analysis, the Western world and people of freedom did

not wake up until this thing had become a monster, and when we finally

did engage it, the ensuing war was so difficult and so horrible that at

the end of the day, 50 million people had died.

I will just say this, Madam Speaker, Winston Churchill warned us in a

way that I think is pretty profound. He said, If you will not fight,

then you can easily win without bloodshed. If you will not fight, then

your victory will be sure and not too costly. You may come to the

moment when you will have to fight and all the odds against you with

only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse moment.

You may have to fight when there is no hope for victory because it is

still better to perish than to live as slaves.

I submit in the ideology that we face tonight that is the equation

that is before us.