Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from Tennessee

(Mr. Wamp) for organizing this event tonight, and the other ones that

he has mentioned. I think it is important that we stand up here and

explain to the American people things that they may not hear on their

local television station, and that we let folks know how strongly some

of us feel about what is happening in this world and what options we

have and what things we ought to be doing about it.

Mr. Speaker, the proliferation of Islam extremism and jihadism has

already inflicted our Nation with great pain; and it continues to grow

and spread. And it is our job to continue to fight these Islamofascists

on their land and on our terms. Any other option is unacceptable.

When the Islamic religion is perverted, twisted and turned into an

excuse for hatred, violence and the extermination of entire

populations, we must stand against it and remain steadfast in our

battle to eliminate this extremism.

This situation has been brewing for a long time. It is not something

that just happened overnight. It is a clash of ideologies. It is a

fight between freedom and democracy versus terrorism and tyranny. This

is a battle we cannot afford to lose.

To allow the terrorists to win would destroy America and modern

civilization as a whole. We must persist in rooting out terrorist cells

and those who preach hatred and death and continue to adapt to the

needs of the war on terror to ensure security, stability and freedom

throughout the world.

Make no mistake about it, this goal will yield a prolonged effort. We

must never forget the day America awoke to the frightening new world

where jihadists flew planes into buildings, killing over 3,000 innocent

civilians. While we have yet to experience another attack on American

soil, there are continuous plots that have been executed and others

that have been foiled. The bombing of a night club in Bali, the bombing

of a commuter train in Spain, and the bombings last summer in London on

the subway and buses are only a brief list of terrorist attacks that

have been planned and executed by Islamofascists.

Yet, through intelligence sharing, surveillance programs, and

effective antiterrorist initiatives, other plans have been foiled, such

as the attempt of shoe bomber Richard Reed and the

recent plot to blow up planes en route to the United States from Great

Britain.

Furthermore, due to the nature of their work, the greatest success by

those in our intelligence community will never be known. There is no

negotiating with Islamofascists who demand death and violence against

anyone who does not accept their warped world view. We must remain

vigilant against this very brutal and very real threat.

As I speak of the rising threat of Islamofascism and its role in the

global war on terror, I must object to the unbelievable and outright

deceptive speech of the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. While

we should be condemning such tyrannical leaders who preach hate and

destruction, I was stunned that he was given the opportunity to address

the United Nations, an organization whose resolutions he has repeatedly

ignored.

It points out again how dysfunctional the U.N. has become. He

mentioned that justice was a victim of force and aggression, which it

certainly was when he participated in the overthrow of the American

embassy in Iran in 1979 and held American hostages for 444 days.

He spoke of ridding the world of nuclear, biological, and chemical

weapons, yet he continually refuses to halt the production of enriched

uranium in Iran. He wants to rid the world of aggression and strive for

peace, even though he created a proxy war in Lebanon and continually

funnels weapons to Hezbollah.

I was astonished when he spoke of dignity for all human beings and

his longing for peace. These words are surprising to hear from a man

who has prayed for the demise of America and constantly calls for

Israel to be wiped off the map.

His biography reads like a horror novel, directing multiple

assignments while he was in elite military units and working with

Ansar-I Hizbullah, the violent Islamic vigilante group. His main goal

is the destruction of Western Civilization.

That speech was a complete farce. He has shown his true agenda time

after time, and one misleading speech at the United Nations will not

fool America or the world. While we witnessed the Iranian dictator

lecture us on freedom, democracy and justice, it is ironic that in his

own country this tyrant denies his own people the basic rights of

freedom of speech and freedom to assemble.

His speech focused on freedom, justice and dignity for human beings.

But as the president, he has done nothing to bring any of his so-called

goals to his own people. Women are denied rights of inheritance,

divorce and child custody, and use of their rights of self-expression

and economic creativity.

Basic rights are denied to the people of Iran, and that is why, even

with the soaring prices of oil, more than 40 percent of the Iranians

live below the poverty line. Today in Iran, dissent is brutally

suppressed and terror is the regime's only instrument of domestic or

foreign policy.

While he may resent us for being powerful, he does not realize that

the foundation of our power is rooted in the freedom of our great

people to pursue happiness, to innovate and to speak freely.

This tyrant accuses the free world that they are denying the people

of Iran their right to nuclear energy. Yet he forgets that the Islamic

regime is denying the great people of Iran their God-given rights to

self-respect and human dignity. He spoke of universal justice, yet he

denies the existence of the Holocaust.

This regime wrongfully portrays the war on terror as a war of

civilizations. Yet, he uses every opportunity to export its brutal

ideology violently to other nations. We are not at war with any

peaceful religion or civilization. We are at war with terrorists, and

terrorists' warped interpretation of religion.

We need to protect the civilized world from the threat that these

people represent. Mr. Speaker, we suffered a setback on the war on

terrorism by allowing this terrorist a podium from which to address the

world.

And, again, I think that it is our place here in the United States

Congress to remind the world of who is the country that represents true

freedom, true democracy, true opportunity for people, and to continue

to bring this message to people and speak the truth, instead of

allowing people like that to come to this country and live in a fantasy

world that they live in.

Again, I want to thank my colleagues for being here tonight, and for

the other times that they have been here to bring this message to the

country and to anyone who is watching us. I want to turn the time back

over to my colleague, Mr. Wamp from Tennessee.