home with a broken arm and a broken leg. 'I saw hell right before my eyes last week,' '' she said. 'You can never imagine the sight of a huge man beating you to death.' ''

It looks to me, Mr. Speaker, that these young students of Iran, these sons of liberty and daughters of democracy, have joined the few, the noble few who throughout history have stood and faced vicious tyrants.

A noted historian once said, ''You see these dictators on their pedestals, surrounded by the bayonets of their soldiers. Yet in their hearts there is unspoken, unspeakable fear. They are afraid of words and thoughts, words spoken and thoughts stirring at home that are all the more powerful because they are forbidden to be spoken.''

These young students are not alone, Mr. Speaker. We are kindred spirits. America has earned its freedom through struggle and shed its blood in many countries around the world in defense of freedom and liberty.

You see, Mr. Speaker, each of us throughout the ages of time are born with the unbroken spirit in our soul to be free, to desire liberty and freedom. Tyrants have always tried to enslave people in a brutal dark nightmare for the sake of their personal political power and financial gain. Indeed, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

The closing words written by this young Iranian student could have come right from the pages of America's own history books in the fight for our liberty.

He said, ''One thing we know for certain. This isn't a fight that will end tomorrow or next month. It is not a fight that any group or party can fight alone. The path is uncertain, the road ahead is quite bleak. But my generation, born on the sidelines only to watch and to obey, has now been given the opportunity to write its own history, to tell its own story. And to the best of our ability, we will do that.''

Americans should stand with these young people of Iran who have suffered much in their struggle for human rights and human dignity. Their courage in the face of overwhelming odds is an example to all who honor freedom. They have earned their own place of honor in the pages of history among those who have so valiantly fought and died for the cause of human dignity.

Sam Adams was one of America's sons of liberty, and he said, ''It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in the minds of people.''

May the students of Iran prevail in their holy cause of freedom.

And that's just the way it is.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING THE CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing a special piece of Americana, the Cape Cod Baseball League of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Widely renowned as the best summer collegiate league in the Nation, the Cape Cod Baseball League today consists of 10 franchises in two, five-team divisions. In its early years, during World War I and World War II, the league was largely populated by young GIs fresh from their service overseas. The modern era of the Cape Cod Baseball League commenced in 1963, when it was officially sanctioned by the NCAA.

Throughout its existence, the league has been responsible for several Cy Young and Most Valuable Player awards in the Bigs and many Hall of Famers and renowned scouts and managers, all of whom received their start in the Cape Cod Baseball League. Entering its 125th season, the league continues to offer the most talented baseball players from across the country the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in front of professional scouts.

As a pioneer among the Nation's summer leagues in many respects, including the use of wooden bats, the Cape Cod Baseball League is truly America's league. The young players learned the importance of sportsmanship and modesty, not only on the diamond and in the dugout, but also through the generosity of generations of Cape Cod families who open their homes to host them during the summer season.

At a time that has not always been conducive to preserving the integrity of the game, the Cape Cod Baseball League continues to embody the golden American tradition of our wholesome national pastime. That pastime has been kept alive in its pure and amateur state owing to the outstanding efforts of this volunteer organization, which enables fans to enjoy games at no expense where visions of Red Sox, Cracker Jack and lemonade evoke feelings of nostalgia for the bygone days of America's favorite sport, baseball.

The Cape Cod Baseball League stands out as a national treasure that can captivate any young man or woman through nine heart-pounding innings. On this historic occasion I am particularly proud to honor the Cape Cod Baseball League for 125 years of success and its well established, beloved reputation among Cape Cod residents and tourists alike.

Congratulations to the Cape Cod Baseball League, and may you forever be, as the saying goes, ''Where the Stars of Tomorrow Shine Tonight.''

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TAXPAYER-FUNDED SPENDING SPREE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, when Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act early this spring, the administration and congressional Democrats argued that a $800 billion taxpayer-funded spending spree was necessary to create jobs and grow the struggling economy. It was rushed through with little time to review the policies that would implement this massive spending plan.

I opposed this unwise scheme for many reasons. It will put an unbearable burden of debt upon our children and our grandchildren. It was loaded down with pork-barrel projects to pay back liberal special interest groups.

But I also opposed it because I believe and continue to believe that it will not grow jobs in our economy. The government is not nor should it be an employment service that mandates private-sector hiring decisions. Predictably, we are now seeing that these reckless spending decisions are not growing our economy. The June unemployment numbers saw the unemployment rate rise to a 26-year high of 9.5 percent. This translates into 467,000 jobs lost in the month of June alone.

Before passage of the ARRA, the Obama administration predicted that unemployment would peak at 8 percent before decreasing this fall. But unemployment has already reached 9.5 percent, and the situation is not likely to improve until long after the White House predicted.

However, the administration hardly has cause to be surprised. In fact, after they sold this massive Federal spending spree as a job creation measure, it turns out that jobs don't seem to be a priority at all.

I would like to bring my colleagues' attention to the funding announcement for the Smart Grid Investment Grants, which received $3.9 billion in the Recovery Act. The Vice President himself announced this grant in April when he said this is about jobs, jobs.

In the information provided to the applicants for this grant funding, one of the frequently asked questions is, Will DOE use a number of jobs estimated to be created and/or retained as