

acquire or make nuclear weapons for at least 10 years. According to the commission, al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden's associates "thought their leader was intent on carrying out a Hiroshima." In 1988, bin Laden called it "a religious duty" for al Qaeda to acquire nuclear weapons.

Madam Speaker, if Iran gains nuclear capability, they will give it to terrorists the world over. No wonder the Nation of Israel is concerned. Ahmadinejad has said, "Anybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury."

He has consistently denied the existence of the Holocaust, calling it a myth or a fabrication.

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He has repeatedly called for the destruction of the Jewish State and has also promised to "wipe out Israel in a sea of fire."

I am speaking to the intent. A 50-kiloton warhead on an Iranian Shahab-3 missile would only be 12 minutes from Israel. In less than 15 minutes Tel Aviv could be ashes. Israel would have only a 50/50 chance of knocking even just the first missile down.

Israel has very few options and no margin for error. Iran is currently ruled by a regime that thinks it is a will of God to annihilate the Jewish state. Any responsible Jewish leader understands that a terrorist state like Iran that desires to see Israel erased from existence must not be allowed to obtain or develop nuclear weapons capabilities.

For that reason, Israel has said it rejects to option to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. A nuclear Iran is an existential threat to human peace and freedom everywhere, not just Israel. The world is derelict to place Israel in the untenable position of having to act unilaterally to protect themselves and humanity from the threat that a nuclear Iran would present to the entire civilized world.

Israel has been our truest friend and ally in the Middle East now for 60 years. During that entire time it has faced unthinkable threats from enemies who would desire to see its absolute annihilation.

Now, more than ever, the United States of America must stand with the Nation of Israel against the threat of a nuclear Iran and against those who would see our two nations and all those who love human freedom eradicated from the face of the Earth.

Let me just remind all of us that the very first purpose of human government is to protect its people. As a member of the Armed Services Committee and the Strategic Forces Subcommittee, I received many briefings regarding Iran's nuclear ambitions, and now more than ever before, I am absolutely convinced that Iran is a growing threat to the stability of the world and to humanity itself. The recent anniversary of that tragic, horrific day that we all remember as 9/11 should also re-

mind every one of us that we face a jihadist ideology that motivates terrorists to kill their own children for the sake of being able to kill ours.

At the risk of sounding political, I, at the willing risk of sounding political, I am convinced that BARACK OBAMA does not understand this mindset of terrorism. Terrorist organizations like Hezbollah, Hamas and the terrorist state of Iran have all openly endorsed and supported BARACK OBAMA for President because they understand that he does not understand.

Senator OBAMA has been quoted as saying, "I don't agree with a missile defense system." He has suggested that we can cut the program by \$10 billion, but, apparently, he doesn't seem to realize that the entire missile defense budget of the United States is only \$9.6 billion. He also does not seem to understand the unspeakable danger of allowing this country to be vulnerable to nuclear weapons in the hands of jihadist terrorists.

Congressman JOHN DINGELL of this body, a supporter of BARACK OBAMA, has said "I don't take sides for or against Hezbollah, or for or against Israel." That kind of mindless, moral relativism, which deliberately ignores all truth and equates merciless terrorism with free nations defending themselves and their innocent citizens, is more dangerous to humanity than terrorism itself. It is proof that liberal Democrats like BARACK OBAMA and JOHN DINGELL simply underestimate and misunderstand the enemy we face. They do not realize what the price to humanity, what it would be, if Islamist fascism, ideology, spreads unabated throughout the world. They do not understand the price it will exact from future generations.

As much as I sincerely believe we should pursue diplomacy, negotiations, sanctions, political pressures and everything short of military action to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear state, ultimately I believe only two things will prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power. I believe that we need to consider this very carefully.

I believe that those two things are either a direct military intervention on the part of the United States or someone else or the conviction in the mind of the Iranian leadership that military intervention will occur if they continue to develop nuclear weapons capabilities. Our greatest hope to prevent war with Iran is to make sure their leaders understand that America will respond militarily before we allow them to threaten the world with nuclear weapons.

President Ronald Reagan gave an address in 1983, when the world faced a similar threat in the growing strength and nuclear ambition of the Soviet Union.

He said; "I urge you to be beware the temptation . . . to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and

thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong and good and evil."

There were those in 1938 who would have deemed ambitions of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich a giant misunderstanding. The free nations of the world once had opportunity to address the insidious rise of the Nazi ideology in its formative years when it could have been dispatched without great cost, but they delayed. The result was atomic bombs falling on cities and 50 million people dead worldwide, and the swastika shadow nearly plunging the planet into Cimmerian night.

I think it's time that the world's free people resolve once and for all, for the sake of our own children, and for the children of the world and for all generations, that we of this generation will not stand by and watch a similar dark chapter of history be repeated.

I actually believe that freedom will ultimately and beautifully prevail, but we must not rest until it does.

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#### ADJOURNMENT TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

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#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROUN of Georgia) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COHEN, for 5 minutes, today.

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#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

H.R. 5265. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research