

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today blasted Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's denial of the Holocaust during his remarks at Columbia University and to the National Press Club.

Mitchell made the following statement:

“President Ahmadinejad's twisted denial of the Holocaust and refusal to distance himself from his repeated calls for the destruction of Israel only makes clearer to the American people and the thinking world that he is indeed a madman.

“Iran is one of the world's greatest abusers of human rights, the world's chief state sponsor of terrorism, and continues to defy the international community by actively working to develop a nuclear weapon. While President Ahmadinejad may have hoped that his speech today would earn him praise in the United States, he will quickly learn otherwise. The American people have no tolerance for evil dictators and terrorist thugs.”