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Declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

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Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. WYNN, Ms. LEE, Ms. MAJETTE, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. WATERS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. RUSH, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. OWENS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. WATT, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. WATSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. FORD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. TANCREDO, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

Whereas Article 1 of the 1948 United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide states that “the contracting parties confirm that genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law which they undertake to prevent and to punish”;

Whereas Article 2 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide declares that “in

the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: (a) killing members of the group; (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; and (e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group”;

Whereas Article 3 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide affirms that the “following acts shall be punishable: (a) genocide; (b) conspiracy to commit genocide; (c) direct and public incitement to commit genocide; (d) attempt to committed genocide; and (e) complicit in genocide”;

Whereas in Darfur, Sudan, an estimated 30,000 innocent civilians have been brutally murdered, more than 130,000 people have been forced from their homes and have fled to neighboring Chad, and more than 1,000,000 people have been internally displaced; and

Whereas in March 2004 the United Nations Resident Humanitarian Coordinator stated: “[T]he war in Darfur started off in a small way last year but it has progressively gotten worse. A predominant feature of this is that the brunt is being borne by civilians. This includes vulnerable women and children . . . The violence in Darfur appears to be particularly directed at a specific group based on their ethnic identity and appears to be systemized.”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) declares that the atrocities unfolding in
4 Darfur, Sudan, are genocide;

5 (2) reminds the international community, in-
6 cluding the United States Government, of their
7 international legal obligations, as affirmed in the
8 1948 United Nations Convention on the Prevention
9 and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

10 (3) urges the Bush Administration to call the
11 atrocities being committed in Darfur, Sudan by its
12 rightful name: “genocide”;

13 (4) calls on the Bush Administration to lead an
14 international effort to prevent genocide in Darfur,
15 Sudan;

16 (5) urges the Bush Administration to seriously
17 consider multilateral or even unilateral intervention
18 to prevent genocide should the United Nations Secu-
19 rity Council fail to act;

20 (6) demands that the Bush Administration im-
21 pose targeted sanctions, including visa bans and the
22 freezing of assets of the National Congress and af-
23 filiated business and individuals directly responsible
24 for the atrocities in Darfur, Sudan; and

1 (7) calls on USAID to establish a Darfur Re-
2 settlement, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Fund
3 so that those driven off their land may return and
4 begin to rebuild their communities.

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