Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong

support of H.R. 3127, The Darfur Peace and

Accountability Act of 2006. As the entire world

already knows and our Government has already

recognized, genocide is today occurring

in the Sudanese region of Darfur. Hundreds of

thousands of civilians have died and almost

1.5 million displaced by Sudanese government

backed militias. It is a shame that much of the

world has stood idly by while the slaughter

continues and Sudan’s vulnerable neighbors

are left to cope with the tragedy. Additionally,

the perpetrators have not been held to account.

I commend my 162 bi-partisan colleagues

who have co-sponsored this important bill. It

includes additional targeted economic and diplomatic

sanctions against the Sudanese regime

and increases support for the African

Union Mission in Sudan, AMIS, by offering assistance

from NATO.

As privileged citizens of the free world we

must be ever vigilant toward those who commit

barbaric acts in our world. Unfortunately,

our country has a poor record in this respect.

Therefore, we must work to ensure that the future

generations will not bear this same guilt

by acting decisively now. As a cosponsor of

The Darfur Peace and Accountability Act, I will

continue to work with my colleagues to see

that the genocide in Darfur is finally halted and

urge the House to pass this important legislation.