Mr.

Speaker, we should be troubled by a

number of concerns that are getting

sometimes less attention than I think

they should. First let me say I am so

very proud to acknowledge two Members

in the other body that will be addressing

the Payne-Wolf resolution to

declare the acts in Sudan genocide.

With 400,000 people displaced, women

and children and men being murdered,

villages being burned, the world watches.

I am reminded of the millions who

died in Rwanda. And we cannot stand

idly by. It is imperative that the people

of Sudan rise up in opposition to their

government that continues to allow

the murder and pillage against those

innocent individuals.

I look forward to working with the

United States Congress in ensuring

that Sudan, the government in Khartoum,

understands that we mean business

and will not stand by while this

tragic, murderous brutality occurs.

Then, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the

American people to look closely at this

question of the CIA intelligence breakdown

before the war in Iraq. Because I

believe every life is precious. And I believe

our Constitution ensures that we

in America pride ourselves in supporting

peace over war and that we understand

the importance of teaching

and giving truth to the American people.

And so this breakdown in intelligence,

which caused or at least gave

to the Congress the basis upon which

that resolution was passed, many of us

knew it was wrong and voted against

it, we should not allow that perspective

to go off silently into the night. It is

important for the American people to

ask the question why and to get the

right answers.

Because it is important when we take

our young soldiers, our family members

into war, they go into battle on

truth and on a Constitutional purpose

and that Congress votes for war in a

Constitutional manner.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this country

has the opportunity to rise to its highest

moral values and that means that

it does believe that freedom is not free

and that we all will rise to defend our

Nation and that we recognize the tragedy

of 9/11, that we will not use falsehoods,

however, in order to engage in a

war that could have been solved by

U.N. inspectors, could have been solved

by coalition.

So I ask my colleagues to help support

the resolution that we offered in

the Senate and the one in the House on

Sudan. I ask my colleagues to ask the

questions of why our intelligence

failed, that it never fail again that we

send out Americans into war for falsehoods

as opposed to truth.