Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago

this week, Congress formally declared

that genocide was taking place in

Darfur, and Congressman DON PAYNE is

owed a debt of gratitude for leading

this effort.

While much has been done since then

to push pressure on Khartoum, the

genocide still rages. Our young people

and the faith community have tirelessly

reminded us of this.

I was in Darfur earlier this year for

the third time, and let me tell you, it

is getting worse. We passed a number

of bills in Congress imposing sanctions

urging our allies like China and the

League of Arab States to get involved,

but we must do more.

Today, with the help of our good

friend and great leader, Chairman BARNEY

FRANK, the Financial Services

Committee Chair, we will take another

step toward marking up my bill, H.R.

180, the Darfur Accountability and Divestment

Act, which authorizes States

to divest from Sudan and bans new

Federal contracts with companies

doing business with the genocidal regime

in Khartoum. We must keep the

pressure on President Bashir and insist

on unfettered access for the United Nations

and African Union, and we must

save Darfur.