Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman for yielding me time

and applaud his leadership on this

issue.

I am honored to stand with my colleagues

on both sides of the aisle tonight

to declare that the ethnic cleansing

occurring in the Sudan is in fact

genocide, to demand that the world

recognize that it is genocide, and to

urge the United Nations Security

Council to take the necessary action to

stop the violence and to get humanitarian

aid to Darfur Province immediately.

There is not a moment to lose.

We must act now.

I would also urge my colleagues to

consider the additional step of joining

the protest that has been under way at

the Sudanese embassy for the past 3 or

4 weeks and to consider whether an act

of civil disobedience in furtherance of

the declaration of genocide and in furtherance

of immediate humanitarian

aid to Darfur Province would be appropriate

to be taken and whether it

would meet your standards. Because

the world is watching what we do. We

failed to act when tragedy struck

Rwanda. We cannot fail to act again.

I would add to the excellent congressional

resolution of the gentleman

from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) and the

fine work of all my colleagues the necessity

to take individual acts of civil

disobedience, to protest the unresponsive

Sudanese government that is

unleashing this terror, this genocide,

on innocent civilians, failing to admit

what they are doing, and not allowing

humanitarian assistance to come to

the aid of these innocent millions of

people.

The time to act is now. There is not

a moment to lose.