Mr. Speaker, we

know the leaders of this effort. They

have been mentioned with great gratitude,

the chairman of the committee

and ranking member, the gentleman

from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) and others.

But I would like to talk about really

the extraordinary experience I have

had in the last several weeks with

members not on the Committee on

International Relations, but who came

together to say we need to do something

about this disaster in the Sudan.

We have a very partisan situation

here in the House of Representatives,

but participating in these meetings

were the most conservative and the

least conservative Members, and everybody

in between. And although we do

not agree on a lot, we agree on this: the

world cannot stand by while genocide

is committed in the Sudan.

We need to lead an international effort

to stop the violence. We need to

make sure that we participate in the

humanitarian aid that is necessary. We

worked together to make sure that this

resolution could be supported, could be

heard today, and that we take this first

step. We agree we need to call it for

what it is: genocide.

I am proud to be a Member of this

House this evening and to be a part of

the great American tradition of all

Members of the House of Representatives

working together for the good of

the world and for what is good and just

and right with our conscience.