Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman for yielding me this

time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Con.

Res. 467. We have a moral and ethical

responsibility to stand up today and

declare the situation in Darfur genocide.

At the very time that an historic

peace was being brokered to settle the

north-south civil war in the Sudan, the

Sudanese Government was financing

and arming a Muslim Arab militia, the

Janjaweed, who used those funds and

arms to terrorize the Muslim, but not

Arab, population of Darfur. Recently,

humanitarian groups have uncovered

documents which showed the Sudanese

Government supplied the militia with

soldiers who were promised government

impunity.

By aligning with the government, the

Janjaweed has managed to avoid widespread

condemnation. Whether by direct

slaughter or starvation, the

Janjaweed will have caused the death

of 300,000 people by the end of this year

without effective counteraction.

Sudanese leaders have restricted

international media access to Darfur,

thus allowing the Janjaweed to carry

out their scorched earth tactics

undeterred. While crops are destroyed

and villages are razed, the non-Arab

Muslim population has been forced to

abandon the countryside which sustained

them and gather in internment

camps near the large towns to live in

squalor, or flee to refugee camps in

neighboring Chad, which is too poor to

provide assistance.

Survivors of the Janjaweed’s campaign

paint a horrifying picture.

Women and girls are systematically

raped and left to die, and thousands are

marched to their deaths, while the Sudanese

Government denies the survivors

humanitarian aid, shelter,

drinking water, and food. The Sudanese

Government is culpable in crimes

against humanity in Darfur.

With this resolution, Congress declares

genocide in Sudan and demands

that the Sudanese Government, the

United Nations, and all concerned stop

the genocide in Darfur before the crisis

there worsens and engulfs the entire

region in conflict.

I urge Members to support the legislation.