Mr. Speaker, my

heartfelt gratitude to all of those who

made it possible to bring this bipartisan

resolution to the floor tonight,

and particularly to my colleague, the

gentleman from New Jersey (Mr.

PAYNE), who has long toiled to make

this evening happen and this resolution

happen.

Some issues transcend the regular

business of this House, the important

business of policymaking, and transcend

partisan politics, and move into

the realm of moral imperative.

The genocide that is occurring at

this moment in the Sudan, the murder

and the rape of women and girls, even

little girls at this moment, is one of

those moral imperatives. And if we in

this most powerful nation on Earth fail

to act when our actions could prevent

much, even if not all of the loss of life,

then we share in the blame.

I stand here tonight not only as a

Member of Congress, but as a Jew and

as a grandmother. Each year in the

Capitol Rotunda, there is a solemn and

inspiring ceremony to mark the Holocaust,

the slaughter of 6 million Jews

by the Third Reich, and one of the

themes of that event is never again.

But it did happen again, and the gentleman

from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO)

listed the scenes of genocide since

World War II, and now in the Sudan.

And this House and the other body and

the administration have a choice to

make: Do we or do we not act to stop

it?

Every day that we delay, a minimum

of 1,000 people die. We have to make a

choice tonight. Before we leave this

body for 6 weeks, we need to make a

choice. And as a grandmother, I do not

want to look into the eyes of my

grandchildren who say to me, Grandma,

you were here when thousands of

people died. What did you do to stop it?

I want to be able to say, I did help to

stop it. We all need to make that

choice.

This resolution is so important, but

it is just a first step. The other body

needs to act. This administration needs

to act. We need to call it what it is and

we need to proceed to stop it.