Mr. Speaker, I am here

this evening because of this resolution.

I cannot think of another resolution,

another matter before this body in the

last few months or years that is more

important than this resolution, the

Payne resolution.

Mr. Speaker, we have at this time an

opportunity to stand up for justice and

to stand up for peace and to stand up

for what is right. We have an opportunity

at this time to stop the genocide

that is occurring in the Sudan.

And, Mr. Speaker, now is the time

when we must take action as a body. It

is on us. We have had the horrible experience

of witnessing and apologizing indeed

for the Rwandan holocaust, and

now we are faced here 10 years later

with something similar going on in the

Sudan.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford to

allow this genocide that is occurring in

the Sudan to continue. We must rise up

to the occasion. We must forget about

those partisan things that divide us.

We must come together as a body, as a

Congress, indeed, as a nation; and we

must show the world the way to eliminate

the kind of racial and religious

hatred that exists in this world. We

must rise up and show the example.

The future of this nation, the future

of this world is at stake, because if we

allow genocide to occur in the Sudan, if

we do not do anything about it, then,

Mr. Speaker, genocide will occur in almost

any place throughout this world.

We have an opportunity and we have

an obligation. Let us not fail the people

of the world.