Mr. Speaker, I thank

the gentleman from Colorado (Mr.

TANCREDO), my friend, for yielding me

this time, and I thank the ranking

member for yielding me this time.

I thank the gentleman from New Jersey

(Mr. PAYNE) for acting. We are acting

too late, but it is never too late to

do the right thing.

We live in a new world, a world in

which it is impossible to say that we do

not know, that we have not seen, that

we have not heard. Because we live in

such a world, to remain silent and inactive

is an immoral act; it is an act of

indifference and negligence that condemns

us as human beings.

The Second World War and the Holocaust

have been referenced, the Holocaust

appropriately so, because that

was an act of eliminating a people because

of the fact that they existed.

This is an act of trying to eliminate a

people, not because they are aggressors,

not because they are a danger, but

because they exist.

It is incumbent upon not just the

United States, but on all the world to

act when it is confronted with genocide.

It is an act of self-preservation for

us to recognize what is being done and

to act, for if we do not, we will not live

in either a safe or a civilized international

community.

Very frankly, we watched in the past

decade a genocide occur in Bosnia and

Kosovo, and we interviewed some blue

helmets who were there on the ground

and reported back that, yes, they had

seen atrocities committed, but their

assignment there was to report, not to

act.

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr.

DAVIS) mentioned Dante’s reference to

those who maintain their neutrality in

the face of moral outrage.

This is an important act we take, but

it is not enough, because words will not

save those children. Words alone will

not protect those women from assault

and ravage. Words will not feed those

people. Words will not prevent the

death; but words hopefully will be the

beginning of action, a call to morality,

a call to civilization, a call to the

international community to live out

the promises that it included in the

United Nations charter, with hope of a

new and better and safer and more

moral world. That is what this resolution

is about.

I thank the gentleman from New Jersey

(Mr. PAYNE). I thank him for his

commitment, his leadership, and his

steadfastness. I urge all of my colleagues,

all of us, everyone, Republican,

Democrat, liberal, conservative,

north, east, south and west, to affirm

this commitment, this definition, this

call to action, this call to a moral

world.