Mr. Speaker, I rise in

support of H. Con. Res. 467 which declares

that genocidal acts are occurring in Darfur,

Sudan and are directed at the indigenous

Muslim population by the Muslim government

in Khartoum and in conjunction with the

Janjaweed militia.

The situation in Sudan is dire. The statistics

are alarming and depressing. The numbers of

causalities, deaths, rapes, injuries and displaced

refugees beg the question, how can

the world, the U.N., the United States and

other civilized nations witness the murder of

30,000 innocent civilians, the forced removal

of 130,000 people from their homes to Chad,

and the displacement of more than one million

people and do nothing.

In Sudan, we are witnessing a crisis that

can be stemmed by proactive international

leadership, but that leadership must include

decisive action. The action necessary include

using every measure possible to get the government

of Sudan to allow more African Union

military advisors into the country to monitor

events. The leadership necessary requires our

government to do everything possible to isolate

the current government in Khartoum as a

pariah in the international community, including:

implementing a travel ban on senior Sudanese

officials, establishing an embargo on

all arms, freezing all government assets and

the assets of affiliated organizations for the

Sudanese government until such time as it

modifies its behavior, and begins to feed and

protect the civilian Sudanese population. And

finally, we must strive to ensure that food,

medicine, clothing and peacekeepers are delivered

to the Darfur region of Sudan before

the rainy season descends upon the weak,

defenseless and despairing masses in Sudan.

We must send the message to the Sudanese

government and to the Sudanese people

that the inhumane acts undertaken by Muslims

against other ethnic African Muslims is deplorable

and disgraceful. The religion of Islam

which is predicated on values of peace and

tolerance is being tainted and shamed by a

minority segment of the government that sanctions

genocide and denies it is occurring. I rise

in strong support of this resolution and encourage

my colleagues to stand up for the people

of Darfur, Sudan and to challenge and shame

the government of Sudan into taking appropriate

action to rectify an ever expanding tragedy.