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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2000

Mr. TANCREDO (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in commending Michael Horowitz in his efforts to raise public awareness of the atrocities being committed by the Government of Sudan and the perceived complacency of the Government of the United States to take a firm stand against this totalitarian regime.

Whereas the Government of Sudan has carried out a campaign of terror and violence against the southern Sudanese over the past 17 years;

Whereas according to the U.S. Committee for Refugees this conflict has resulted in the deaths of 1.9 million Suda-

nese, 4.3 million Sudanese being internally displaced and 2.5 million Sudanese being famine-afflicted;

Whereas this past year has witnessed the Greater Nile Petroleum Operating Company project, which is funded by both Talisman Energy, Inc. and the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), coming on-line, which will expand the financial capabilities of the Government of Sudan to wage war on the Christian and animist populations in the south;

Whereas a recent letter was sent by more than 150 religious leaders, family groups, non-governmental organizations and retired political leaders calling on the Administration to take a more proactive and direct role in addressing the atrocities which are being perpetrated by the Government of Sudan, take immediate steps to end the veto power which the Government of Sudan holds over Operation Lifeline Sudan and take steps to address companies that are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and profit from their activities in the country of Sudan;

Whereas the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate have gone on record as condemning the actions of the Government of Sudan against the population in the south, and calling on the Administration to more actively support the southern Sudanese, including the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and other groups under the auspices of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), with humanitarian and political aid;

Whereas the Government of the United States should be a leading international advocate of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) Peace Process, which is comprised of delegates from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda;

Whereas Michael Horowitz in his act of civil disobedience, which took place at the Department of State on February 2, 2000, sought to bring the lack of action on the part of the Administration to public light and scrutiny, and to raise awareness about the genocidal campaign which the Government of Sudan has perpetuated over the past 17 years; and

Whereas these public statements should be heeded by the Administration and acted upon in order to bring about an end to the deadly conflict which has plagued Sudan and its people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House or Rep-
 2 resentatives that the Congress commends Michael Hor-
 3 witz for his actions on February 2, 2000, in working to
 4 raise the knowledge of the American public about the con-
 5 flict in Sudan and the—

6 (1) lack of direct action on the part of the Ad-
 7 ministration to support those in the south who are
 8 fighting against the totalitarian northern regime in
 9 Khartoum;

10 (2) lack of involvement by the Administration
 11 in acting as an international voice of support for a
 12 comprehensive peace process; and

13 (3) lack of action taken by the Administration
 14 against companies such as Canada's Talisman En-
 15 ergy, Inc., which is traded on the New York Stock
 16 Exchange, and the proposed Initial Public Offer
 17 (IPO) of the China National Petroleum Corporation

1 (CNPC) for their involvement in oil ventures in
2 Sudan, which seek to strengthen the power and fi-
3 nancial capability of the Government of Sudan at
4 the detriment of those in the south.

