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# S. CON. RES. 133

Declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2004

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Article 1 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (signed at Paris on December 9, 1948) states that “the Contracting Parties confirm that genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law which they undertake to prevent and to punish”;

Whereas Article 2 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide declares that “in the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: (a) killing members of the group; (b)

causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; and (e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group”;

Whereas Article 3 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide affirms that “[the] following acts shall be punishable: (a) genocide; (b) conspiracy to commit genocide; (c) direct and public incitement to commit genocide; (d) attempt to commit genocide; and (e) complicit in genocide”;

Whereas in Darfur, Sudan, an estimated 30,000 innocent civilians have been brutally murdered, more than 130,000 people have been forced from their homes and have fled to neighboring Chad, and more than 1,000,000 people have been internally displaced; and

Whereas in March 2004 the United Nations Resident Humanitarian Coordinator stated: “[T]he war in Darfur started off in a small way last year but it has progressively gotten worse. A predominant feature of this is that the brunt is being borne by civilians. This includes vulnerable women and children . . . The violence in Darfur appears to be particularly directed at a specific group based on their ethnic identity and appears to be systemized.”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1        *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring), That Congress—*
- 3            (1) declares that the atrocities unfolding in
- 4        Darfur, Sudan, are genocide;

1           (2) reminds the Contracting Parties to the Con-  
2           vention on the Prevention and Punishment of the  
3           Crime of Genocide (signed at Paris on December 9,  
4           1948), particularly the Government of Sudan, of  
5           their legal obligations under the Convention;

6           (3) declares that the Government of Sudan, as  
7           a Contracting Party, has violated the Convention on  
8           the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of  
9           Genocide;

10          (4) deplores the failure of the United Nations  
11          Human Rights Commission to take appropriate ac-  
12          tion with respect to the crisis in Darfur, Sudan, par-  
13          ticularly the failure by the Commission to support  
14          United States-sponsored efforts to strongly condemn  
15          gross human rights violations committed in Darfur,  
16          and calls upon the United Nations and the United  
17          Nations Secretary General to assert leadership by  
18          calling the atrocities being committed in Darfur by  
19          their rightful name: “genocide”;

20          (5) calls on the member states of the United  
21          Nations, particularly member states from the Afri-  
22          can Union, the Arab League, and the Organization  
23          of the Islamic Conference, to undertake measures to  
24          prevent the genocide in Darfur, Sudan, from esca-

1       lating further, including the imposition of targeted  
2       means against those responsible for the atrocities;

3           (6) commends the Administration's leadership  
4       in seeking a peaceful resolution to the conflict in  
5       Darfur, Sudan, and in addressing the ensuing hu-  
6       manitarian crisis, including the visit of Secretary of  
7       State Colin Powell to Darfur in June 2004 to en-  
8       gage directly in efforts to end the genocide, and the  
9       provision of nearly \$140,000,000 to date in bilateral  
10      humanitarian assistance through the United States  
11      Agency for International Development;

12          (7) commends the President for appointing  
13      former Senator John Danforth as Envoy for Peace  
14      in Sudan on September 6, 2001, and further com-  
15      mends the appointment of Senator Danforth as  
16      United States Ambassador to the United Nations;

17          (8) calls on the Administration to continue to  
18      lead an international effort to stop genocide in  
19      Darfur, Sudan;

20          (9) calls on the Administration to impose tar-  
21      geted means, including visa bans and the freezing of  
22      assets, against officials and other individuals of the  
23      Government of Sudan, as well as Janjaweed militia  
24      commanders, who are responsible for war crimes and  
25      crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan; and

1           (10) calls on the United States Agency for  
2 International Development to establish a Darfur Re-  
3 settlement, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Fund  
4 so that those individuals driven off their land may  
5 return and begin to rebuild their communities.

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