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# H. CON. RES. 478

Condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) Government of Sudan for its genocidal war against the people of southern Sudan and expressing support for the Vigil for Sudan being held at Galvez Park in Washington, D.C.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Mr. PAYNE (for himself and Mr. WOLF) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) Government of Sudan for its genocidal war against the people of southern Sudan and expressing support for the Vigil for Sudan being held at Galvez Park in Washington, D.C.

Whereas the National Islamic Front (NIF) Government of Sudan has perpetrated a prolonged campaign of terror and genocide against the people of southern Sudan;

Whereas in furtherance of its campaign, both official government forces and government-sponsored militias have bombed civilian targets, destroyed entire villages, driven millions of people from their homes, and abducted civilians into slavery;

Whereas the National Islamic Front has obstructed access of relief agencies, including the United Nations-sponsored Operation Lifeline Sudan, from bringing food and medical aid to people at risk of starvation and disease;

Whereas the National Islamic Front has recently pulled out of the peace talks with the Sudan People's Liberation Army held in Machakos, Kenya, and declared a holy war ("jihad") against the people of southern Sudan;

Whereas the Church Alliance for a New Sudan has organized "Stand Firm: A Vigil for Sudan" to take place from September 18 to 24, 2002, in Galvez Park in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas the purposes of the Vigil for Sudan are to stand before God in supplication and solidarity with the suffering of the Sudanese, to stand with the persecuted Christian church in Sudan, to stand for sustained engagement by the United States Government to support peace and justice for the people of southern Sudan, and to stand firm until there is a just peace and religious freedom for all in Sudan;

Whereas thousands of people from around the country will be gathering at the Vigil for Sudan; and

Whereas the people and organizations at the Vigil for Sudan come from diverse religious and political backgrounds, including Jews and Christians, liberals and conservatives, united in support of the suffering people of southern Sudan: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That Congress—*

1           (1) commends the Church Alliance for a New  
2 Sudan and all the other organizations involved in  
3 “Stand Firm: A Vigil for Sudan”, to take place from  
4 September 18 to 24, 2002, in Galvez Park in Wash-  
5 ington, D.C., for coming together despite their dif-  
6 ferences to support the people of southern Sudan,  
7 for working to raise the knowledge of the American  
8 public about the conflict in Sudan, and for calling  
9 the United States Government to action;

10           (2) supports the purposes of the Vigil for  
11 Sudan;

12           (3) calls on all Americans to join the Vigil for  
13 Sudan in their own communities;

14           (4) urges the National Islamic Front and the  
15 Sudan People’s Liberation Army to achieve a just  
16 and lasting peace; and

17           (5) strongly condemns the National Islamic  
18 Front Government for its genocidal war in southern  
19 Sudan and for pulling out of the Machakos peace  
20 talks.

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