

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly denounces the genocide that continues
2 to be perpetrated in the Darfur region of Sudan; and

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4 **Whereas**, the Missouri General Assembly supports the United Nations Convention
5 on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; and

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7 **Whereas**, the United Nations treaty defines genocide as "any of the number of acts
8 committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious
9 group; killing members of the group, causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the
10 group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical
11 destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group,
12 and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group"; and

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14 **Whereas**, both the United States House of Representatives and the Senate
15 unanimously passed resolutions terming the tragedy in Sudan "genocide", and calling for action
16 by the United Nations under the Genocide Convention; and

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18 **Whereas**, the Sudanese Government is supporting militia groups that are engaged
19 in genocidal practices in communities of black African farmers in the Western province of
20 Darfur; and

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22 **Whereas**, with the support of the Sudanese government warplanes and army
23 troops, these militias are razing villages, systematically raping women and girls, specifically
24 targeting and destroying food and water supplies, and massacring communities; and

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26 **Whereas**, in the last four years the conflict has taken the lives of more than
27 400,000 civilians; and

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29 **Whereas**, more than 2 million civilians have been displaced within Darfur or fled
30 into neighboring Chad, and another 3.5 million have been left to rely on humanitarian aid to
31 survive; and

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33 **Whereas**, the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 1706,
34 authorizing deployment of up to 22,500 United Nations peacekeepers with a mandate to use all
35 necessary means to protect civilians, gradually taking over the African Union Mission's under-
36 funded efforts to cease the violence and killings; and

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38 **Whereas**, the Security Council's Resolution 1706 is contingent on the government
39 of Sudan consenting to the deployment of troops; and

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41 **Whereas**, the Sudanese government has firmly rejected the Security Council
42 Resolution 1706 and has hindered some international relief efforts throughout the region; and

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44 **Whereas**, the genocide in Darfur has severely escalated in the last six months, with
45 a continuous loss of almost 20,000 civilian lives each month, and the possibility that the under-
46 funded African Union troops may be forced out of the region, leaving no peacekeeping force in
47 Darfur; and

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49 **Whereas**, in early January 2007, several representatives of humanitarian
50 organizations received a promise from Sudan President Bashir for a temporary cease-fire and a
51 pledge to hold an international peace summit before March 15, 2007; and

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53 **Whereas**, the United States Congress is urged to make the Darfur humanitarian
54 crisis a priority:

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56 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
57 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
58 concurring therein, hereby stands in full support of taking immediate action to help end the
59 genocide in Darfur and calls on President Bush and the United States Congress to take immediate
60 action to prevent further atrocities; and

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62 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly urges the
63 President to act quickly to ensure that Sudan honors its promise for a sixty-day cease-fire and an
64 international peace summit; and

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66 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly urges the
67 Presidential Special Envoy to Sudan to work diligently with international partners to support a
68 long-term peace process in Darfur; and

69 **Be it further resolved** that the State of Missouri urgently calls for the
70 United States Congress to reintroduce a bill similar to the one it failed to pass in the last session,
71 Darfur Act (S.3801), and that the President immediately sign it into law; and reintroduce a
72 measure in the Department of Defense Appropriations bill authorizing funds that will bolster the
73 African Union Mission until United Nations peacekeeping forces can be deployed; and
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75 **Be it further resolved** that the State of Missouri calls on the President to
76 apply diplomatic political pressure on the Sudanese government to ensure that humanitarian
77 organizations maintain access to the region, including inviting the United Nations peacekeeping
78 troops in to the country without restrictions; and
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80 **Be it further resolved** that the Missouri General Assembly calls on
81 President Bush and the United States Congress to increase humanitarian aid to the Darfur region,
82 providing crucial resources to the hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians; and
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84 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
85 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for President
86 George W. Bush and each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.