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2 Darfur.]

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4 **Resolution urging the United States to take action against the Republic of Sudan to**
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7 WHEREAS, Since February 2003, in the Republic of Sudan, a government-backed
8 militia known as Janjaweed has been engaging in a systematic program of expulsion, rape
9 and murderous violence in Darfur, Sudan. Government air raids have frequently preceded or
10 followed militia attacks. In violations of numerous U.N. resolutions and ceasefire agreements,
11 the attacks on civilians continue; and,

12 WHEREAS, More than two million people now live in crowded camps in Darfur and
13 Chad where disease and mortality rates are climbing. Those who venture from the camps
14 risk being attacked or raped; and,

15 WHEREAS, Only about half of those who were forced from their homes are receiving
16 aid; others are in camps that are not yet served, or are, literally, wandering the desert.
17 According to the U.N. Food Program, 3.5 million people – more than half the population of
18 Darfur – are now in need of food; and,

19 WHEREAS, The African Union troops currently in Darfur are charged with monitoring
20 ceasefire agreements and escorting aid convoys, but they have no mandate to protect
21 civilians; and,

22 WHEREAS, Banditry, looting and continued violence threaten U.N. and non-
23 governmental aid workers. Many have been harassed, abducted, and even killed; and,

24 WHEREAS, U.N. agencies estimate that over 2.5 million people have been displaced
25 and 800,000 Darfurians are victims of genocide; and,

1 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition is organizing a vigil across
2 the Golden Gate Bridge at 10am on April 30th 2006 and an interfaith service at 2pm on April
3 30th at Crissy Field to raise awareness about Darfur. Participants in the vigil can preregister
4 in advance at www.ourpledge.org; and,

5 WHEREAS, U.S. President George W. Bush has repeatedly cited the killing of people
6 in Darfur as genocide; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 hereby deplores the persecution and killing of all Darfurians who are the victims of genocide
9 in Sudan; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco urges the U.S. and its allies to take strong measures against the Republic of Sudan
12 for their national practice of genocide of the Muslim people of Darfur.

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