

paying for expenses due to changing regulations (limited days at sea, catch limits and gear restrictions). Support industries are crucial to the survival of the fleet. And the survival of the fleet is crucial to the survival of the support industries. This interdependence puts our port city in danger of losing not only our fishing fleet, but these businesses as well.

While we all know that money does not bring happiness, not being able to support your family will take the joy out of life. Recently implemented regulations and those proposed in Framework 42 have added a new degree of insecurity to an already difficult industry. Fishing has always been physically demanding and dangerous work.

Fishermen's wives have always worried about whether their husbands would return safely to port. But today, because of these regulations, with each trip, groundfishermen wonder whether they will be able to provide for their families.

#### HONORING THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2006*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United Nations International Day of Peace. In 2002, the United Nations General Assembly declared September 21 as the permanent date for International Peace. Its purpose is to encourage the manifestation of the vital Spirit that unifies us amid our diverse ways. In a time where we are witness to mass violence, acts of genocide, and war, the United Nations International Day of Peace draws attention to the need to implement strategies linking development, security, human rights and peace into a cohesive framework.

It also presents an opportunity for citizens of our country to honor the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, which emphasizes the need for the international community to recognize and implement strategies to focus on and ensure assistance for children exposed to harmful and violent situations.

On this day when we focus on the goal of individual and collective progress toward building cultures of peace, we must pause to remember the tragic loss of 2,683 fallen American heroes and the estimated 48,000 civilians in Iraq who have lost their lives due to war and violence.

As the lone remaining superpower, America serves as a model for other nations, and it is our duty to lead other nations to peace. On this International Day of Peace, we must reflect actions our nation can take to alleviate tensions and causes of conflict, such as bringing our troops home safely using an exit strategy that is executed with accountability and diplomacy and which helps achieve harmony among other nations.

As a proud representative of California's 15th Congressional District, I am committed to devoting myself and my district to building Cultures of Peace for the children of the world and for future generations. My constituents and I hope that the acts of peace we perform on this day serve to strengthen the ongoing legacy of democracy, liberty and equality within our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO  
ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS COL-  
LEGE PREPARATORY HIGH  
SCHOOL

### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 2006*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of The Chicago Academy for the Arts, recently awarded this year's Creative Ticket National Schools of Distinction Award from the Kennedy Center's Alliance for the Arts Education Network.

The Chicago Academy for the Arts High School has served the students and families of the city of Chicago as well as students from Indiana and Wisconsin since 1981. The students at The Chicago Academy for the Arts have established an impressive record of academic achievement as well as artistic talent ranging from fine arts to acting to costume and set design. Ninety-seven percent of the Academy's graduates go on to top colleges and conservatories.

Since 1981, The Chicago Academy for the Arts has served as one of five private, independent, college-preparatory arts high schools in the United States. In addition to a traditional high school curriculum, students are given intensive training in the fields of: Music, Visual Art, Dance, Theater, Musical Theater, and Media Arts. Each day, students spend 5 hours in academics and 3 hours in their chosen art major, all of which include classes in theory, history, and technique.

The Chicago Academy for the Arts is designed to maximize each student's potential to communicate through the arts. The Arts Academy strives to prepare students to think critically and independently in order to prepare them to succeed in both higher education and their chosen field in the arts.

Alumni from The Chicago Academy for the Arts have gone on to attend schools such as the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, The Juilliard School, Brandeis University, and New York University and include such notables as actors John Cusack and Lara Flynn Boyle; screenwriter and director Adam Rifkin; and composer Alex Wurman as well as members of the Joffrey Ballet, New York City Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Congressional Arts Caucus, I believe that it is important to support and recognize quality education in the arts. The Chicago Academy for the Arts is a shining example of art in education at its best. I am proud of the students, faculty and families of the school and I wish them continued success in the coming years.

#### GENOCIDE IN DARFUR, SUDAN

SPEECH OF

### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 20, 2006*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I recently took two actions regarding the genocide in Darfur that I wanted to bring to your attention.

At the U.N. General Assembly in New York on Tuesday, the president of Sudan claimed that the genocide in Darfur is a myth propagated by Jewish organizations raising money for Israel.

President Omar Hassan al-Bashir remarked that those "who made the publicity, who mobilized the people, invariably, are Jewish organizations."

This statement is unconscionable and demands a vigorous response. Such Anti-Semitic remarks have no place in our world, let alone at the U.N. General Assembly.

Furthermore, the mass killings, rapes and displacement of innocent civilians in Darfur are tragically well documented. The United States Holocaust Museum has issued a Genocide Emergency for Darfur.

Today I signed a letter with several other Members of Congress demanding that President Omar Hassan al-Bashir of Sudan retract his baseless remarks. The letter calls on the Sudanese government to abide by the Darfur Peace Agreement and the will of the U.N. Security Council.

A copy of this letter is reprinted below for your information.

In addition, I am an original co-sponsor of the Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2006.

This legislation will ban federal contracts going to corporations doing business in Sudan that directly or indirectly support the genocide.

Countless organizations have dedicated untold hours to stopping the carnage and human suffering in Darfur.

These organizations include the American Jewish World Service, Amnesty International, International Committee of the Red Cross and the NAACP.

The U.S. Congress must enact the Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2006 and join this list of international groups working to end the genocide in Darfur.

Sundown on Friday night marks the start of the Rosh Hashanah holiday, the Jewish New Year 5767, thus beginning a 10-day period of personal reflection and contemplation for Jews around the world.

This is a moment in human history when the poignant expression "Never Again" must be repeated over again, coupled with real action to end this tragic period of human suffering.

President OMAR HASSAN AL-BASHIR,  
*President of Sudan,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR PRESIDENT AL-BASHIR: We were shocked to hear your comments on Tuesday, September 20th, at the U.N. General Assembly where you stated that reports of deaths and refugees in Darfur are "fictions," and that those "who made the publicity, who mobilized the people, invariably, are Jewish organizations."

Many of us have traveled to Darfur and seen the death, destruction, and misery of the innocent civilians in Darfur with our own eyes. The last 3 years of violence in Darfur have resulted in the death of an estimated 200,000 people and millions have been forced from their homes. This atrocity has been encouraged and facilitated by your government.

We are grateful that the American Jewish community as well as other faith communities have made a priority of raising the issue of genocide in Darfur. Instead of using the ancient technique of making the Jewish community the scapegoat for your failures, we hope that you will take a close look at your own actions. In direct violation of the