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5 By: Senator Madison
6 By: Representatives Pyle, L. Smith, Cash, Edwards, Harris, House, Pennartz

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 ENCOURAGING STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS TO IDENTIFY
11 THEIR INVESTMENTS IN COMPANIES THAT ARE OPERATING
12 IN SUDAN; TO DIVEST ANY INVESTMENT IN A COMPANY
13 OPERATING IN SUDAN; AND TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE
14 INVESTMENT IN A COMPANY OPERATING IN SUDAN UNTIL
15 THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR, SUDAN, HAS ENDED.

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17 **Subtitle**

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26 WHEREAS, in 2004, United States Secretary of State, Colin Powell
27 testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Sudanese
28 government and the Sudanese government-sponsored militia have committed
29 genocide; and

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31 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has declared the atrocities in
32 Darfur, Sudan to be genocide; declared that the Government of Sudan has
33 violated the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of
34 Genocide; called upon the Administration to continue leading an international
35 effort to stop genocide in Darfur, Sudan; and called upon the Administration
36 to impose targeted sanctions, including the freezing of assets of the



1 Sudanese National Congress and affiliated businesses and persons directly
2 responsible for the atrocities in Darfur, Sudan; and

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4 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has stated that genocide has taken
5 place in Darfur, Sudan and has urged the international community to work with
6 the United States to prevent and suppress genocide in Darfur, Sudan; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Government of Sudan has not complied with United Nations
9 Security Council resolutions and has not respected the cease-fire which it
10 signed; and

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12 WHEREAS, the United States of America's stated policy on Sudan is a
13 commitment to ending the violence and providing assistance to the suffering
14 people in Darfur, Sudan,

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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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20 THAT the Senate strongly encourages the state's retirement systems to
21 examine their investments to determine whether any of their funds or assets
22 are invested in a company operating in Sudan; to divest any investment in a
23 company identified as operating in Sudan; and to take appropriate steps to
24 prevent any future investment in a company operating in Sudan until the
25 genocide in Darfur, Sudan, has ended.