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DECEMBER 4, 2009

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the Lost Boys of Sudan for their tireless courage
and pioneering efforts in raising awareness and working
toward ending 21st Century slavery in their homeland of
Sudan and around the world.

WHEREAS, The Lost Boys of Sudan were forced to flee
their homes as children after the murder of their parents,
the destruction of their villages and the capture and sale
of relatives and siblings into slavery by government and
other Islamic forces from Northern Sudan; and

WHEREAS, The Lost Boys were forced to walk thousands of

miles to reach safety in refugee camps, first in Ethiopia and then later in Kenya; and

WHEREAS, Many of the Lost Boys, some as young as five years of age and none older than 13 years of age, were either killed on their trek to freedom by hostile armed forces, lions or crocodiles or perished from starvation; and

WHEREAS, Only 10,000 of the estimated original 30,000 Lost Boys of Sudan survived the death-defying pilgrimage to freedom; and

WHEREAS, Many of the Lost Boys of Sudan were granted permission to immigrate to the United States where they have obtained jobs and educations and have become productive members of American society; and

WHEREAS, Despite their successful integration in the United States, the Lost Boys of Sudan continue their efforts to assist their people still struggling to survive in Southern Sudan; and

WHEREAS, The Lost Boys of Sudan have in particular devoted themselves to fighting the ongoing evil of the slave trade, which continues to be widespread in Southern Sudan; and

WHEREAS, To continue these efforts, the Lost Boys of Sudan have joined together to establish a nonprofit group, known as Lost Boys Rebuilding Southern Sudan, which has

helped to transform the lives of thousands of Lost Boys;
and

WHEREAS, Lost Boys Rebuilding Southern Sudan continues the fight to suppress and end slavery in Southern Sudan and the Horn of Africa; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Lost Boys of Sudan for their tireless courage and pioneering efforts in raising awareness and working toward ending 21st Century slavery in their homeland of Sudan and around the world.