

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the Missouri State University Chapter of STAND—Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, a student anti-genocide coalition—is hosting a fund-raising dinner at the Plaster Student Union, in Springfield, Missouri, on Friday, March 30, 2007, with the proceeds going to benefit the horrifically and indescribably suffering people of Darfur, in Sudan, Africa; and

**Whereas**, STAND serves as an umbrella organization for student groups active in promoting awareness advocating an end to the current genocide in Darfur and working to create a permanent anti-genocide student movement; and

**Whereas**, STAND serves as a guide for student groups in high schools and colleges, helping them to develop their grassroots efforts for Darfur and anti-genocide activism, to unify their message and to coordinate efforts; and

**Whereas**, STAND has become a student movement that encompasses over 600 college, university, and high school chapters across the United States and around the world; and

**Whereas**, STAND national seeks to unify, resource and empower all of these chapter so that together these individuals and communities can prevent and stop genocide, because at its core, STAND’s mission is to empower individuals and communities to stop and prevent genocide; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri State University Chapter of STAND began in October 2006 and quickly got to work, and in their short span of time as an organization, they have spoken to many different campus and community groups, held a fund-raiser in conjunction with Plato’s Closet, and plan on partnering with local high schools for future events; and

**Whereas**, the Chapter’s goals are four-fold: to raise awareness about genocide; to urge political action; to divest from Sudan; and to raise money for civilian protection and humanitarian aid; and

**Whereas**, the officers of the Missouri State University Chapter of STAND are Katie Schmidt, President; Kelbie Abercrombie, Vice President; and Kara Dial, Secretary, young women of courage and determination who have rightly and justly earned the esteem and admiration of all of the citizens of this great state:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to commend the Missouri State University Chapter of STAND and its officers for the invaluable and unspeakably difficult work they have taken upon themselves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Missouri State University Chapter of STAND.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Bob Dixon  
 District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker