



March 6, 2007

**H.Res. 98 – Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan.**

**Floor Situation**

H.Res. 98 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Donald Payne (D-NJ) on January 24, 2007 and was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, by voice vote, on February 15, 2007.

Similar legislation was introduced by Representative Payne in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress but was not considered (H.Res. 496).

H.Res. 98 is expected to be considered on the floor on March 6, 2007.

**Summary**

H.Res. 98 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors the life and achievements of Dr. John Garang de Mabior.
- Reaffirms its commitment to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan.
- Calls for full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement without any delay.
- Strongly urges the people of southern Sudan and its leaders to continue to support Dr. Garang's vision for a new Sudan.
- Strongly supports the creation of a Dr. John Garang de Mabior Institute for Agriculture, Peace, and Economic Development.
- Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State with a request that the Secretary transmit it to Dr. Garang's widow, Rebecca Garang, and to the Government of Southern Sudan, through the Office of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in the District of Columbia.

**Background**

Dr. John Garang de Mabior was founder and leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army. He served as First Vice President of Sudan for 21 days until his death in a helicopter crash on July 30, 2005.

This resolution honors Dr. John Garang de Mabior for working toward a Sudan that would be “multi-ethnic, multi-religious, democratic, and united.”

**CBO Estimate**

This bill has no budgetary impact.

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