

and a special can do attitude. As he now fights a very different kind of war, rebuilding his life without the aid of his two front legs, he now runs with his heart. His continued faith and courage in the coming years will serve as a source of inspiration to those around him and a lesson to us all. We should all offer our sincere blessings to him and his fine family that has stood with him through this ordeal. Capt. Guyton and his wife, Amy, intend to move back to where they first met at the University of Virginia to raise a family.

This poem, entitled "Stryking Deep!" was penned in Capt. Guyton's honor by a close friend, Albert Caswell.

#### STRYKING DEEP!

Stryking Hard!  
Stryking Fast! Stryking Deep!  
All in our lives, these things that which last!  
All in our lives to keep!  
Are but, all of those things that which count!  
That, all hearts should so seek!  
All in our hearts of love, like our gifts from above . . . that which so makes our Lord so weep!  
All along our life's path, our Full Measure upon this earth as asked . . . to climb mountains, steep!  
For there are only so many minutes, before out life's path is complete!  
To leave behind, all in our lives . . . those things which last, oh how so very sweet!  
For from This Great Old Dominion . . . Have but come, such great patriotic sons of distinction! Such Fine Virginians!  
The likes of Washington and Lee, Marshall and Jefferson . . . all of these ones!  
Who for our Country Tis of Thee, did what must so be done!  
As when a Cavalier, went off to war . . . To Strike Out, and So Very Deep . . . for our Nations Freedom, to ensure!  
Yea, he wasn't no regular Joe! For Strength In Honor, was his code!  
Marching into the face of death . . . for us . . . the things he bore!  
Remember, you sleep well this night!  
All because of such men of light, who our Freedom's so ensure!  
Who So Face Death! And To Us So Bless! Can you, but not ask for more?  
As when that day came, as all in the midst of hell . . .  
Near death, as he so lay . . . close to death that day! As when his fine heart would so swell!  
As when he made that choice, to Stryk Back and Stryk Deep . . . and listen to his inner voice!  
All in his loss, all in his pain! Looking down, as his strong legs so no longer so remained . . .  
As upon, his most courageous face . . . the tears began to rain!  
As his new war had begun, for this one of Virginia's finest Southern Sons . . .  
To Teach Us, To Reach Us, To All Hearts . . . To So Beseech Us!  
Stryking all of our Hearts, so very deep! With his courage and faith, that he would so keep!  
Because, men like him . . . who with their hearts, towards Heaven run . . .  
Our lives, will never be the same! And Capt. Joe Guyton, is his name!  
And if I ever have a Son, I but hope and pray he could be like this one . . .  
Moments, are all we have! All in our lives, To Stryk!  
For What Is True! For What Is Deep! If its Heaven we wish to keep!  
For such noble things in life, to so live and die for . . . is what is right!  
For only from such hearts of Magnificence, can come light!

WILL WE STAND? WILL WE STRYK!  
STRYK!

I extend to Captain Guyton my gratitude and deep appreciation for his service to the Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE GREATER SEATTLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

#### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to the Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) as it celebrates the 20th anniversary of its Scholarship Fund for undergraduate students. For two decades, these scholarships have provided promise and support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) and Allied students with strong commitment to civil rights.

In 1990, two teachers witnessed the challenges that confronted LGBT students as they pursued a college education, including discrimination from professors, harassment by other students, and unsupportive families. These teachers took matters into their own hands and created the GSBA Scholarship Fund, the first scholarship fund for LGBT students in the United States. That year, the GSBA gave two scholarships of \$1,500 each. Since then, the Fund has grown significantly, and now grants a total of \$135,000 in scholarships each year, with the individual scholarships ranging in size from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

One thing that makes the Scholarship Fund so special is the diversity of the students it supports. GSBA scholars come from every corner of Washington State, from cities and from rural communities. They are people of color, male, female, and transgender. But no matter where they come from, these talented students have the drive and the passion to achieve great things in their lives. Indeed, former GSBA scholars have gone on to become doctors, social workers, teachers and public servants. And these scholars have continued to fight for social justice and equality for all, regardless of the careers they chose.

This 20th anniversary marks a particularly special milestone for the GSBA Scholarship Fund—the awarding of its one millionth dollar to support the education of LGBT and Allied students. The unfailing dedication of time, money, and talent by GSBA leadership, members, and volunteers have made this achievement possible. I extend my thanks and best wishes to the GSBA and its outstanding scholars on their twenty years of changing lives and creating hope.

#### HONORING PARAMEDIC BRET ANDERSON

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor Paramedic Bret Anderson for being selected as the Bartlett Fire Department's 2009 Firefighter of the Year.

Since joining the Bartlett Fire Department in 2006, Bret Anderson has been known around

the fire station for his positive attitude, his compassion, and his high regard for patients which has brought peace and comfort to many in times of crisis. After learning the ropes as a rookie and a lot of hard work, Paramedic Anderson has established himself as one of the premier first responders in Shelby County. Paramedic Anderson has displayed this knowledge and skill through several high impact incidents over the past year where his expertise contributed to positive outcomes.

I am pleased to know that experienced first responders like Bret Anderson are hard at work each day keeping the citizens of Bartlett safe. With his broad knowledge of life saving techniques, many people are alive today due to his quick action and high regard for the people he is treating. Paramedic Anderson has my deep gratitude and respect as he continues to selflessly serve our community each day by providing swift medical treatment wherever lives are on the line.

Please join me in honoring Bret Anderson and wishing him and his wife Farrah and their two children Zack and Taylor the best on this well-deserved award.

#### HONORING BOB REYES

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bob Reyes upon his retirement as the Principal of Fresno High School. After almost 40 years in education, Mr. Reyes will retire in June 2010.

Mr. Reyes spent the first 26 years of his career with the Kerman Unified School District. He served as a classroom teacher for 13 years and then moved into the administration office as an assistant principal at Kerman High School. After 8 years he was promoted to principal and spent 5 years leading Kerman High School.

Mr. Reyes was hired as the principal of Fresno High School in 1997. Over the past 13 years, Mr. Reyes has provided tremendous leadership to the school. The school's academic performance index scores have grown 149 points since 1999, and there has been a significant improvement in the test scores for the California Standardized Test in more recent years. In 2002 Mr. Reyes implemented the International Baccalaureate, IB, Program at Fresno High School, a program that prepares students to be independent learners with a focus on higher education. The program is accredited and graduates are looked upon highly by colleges and universities around the world. The IB Program has grown from the original "Great 8" in 2002 to a current enrollment of over 500 students.

Mr. Reyes recently started the Parent Institute for Quality Education to encourage more parental involvement. Over 200 parents have graduated from the program this year, which is the highest number in the San Joaquin Valley. Beyond the school, Mr. Reyes is active within the community, working to improve community relations by closely working with the Historic Fresno High Neighborhood Association.

Through his years of dedicated service, Mr. Reyes has received many awards from numerous organizations, including the "Heart of

the City" by the Fresno First Baptist Church three times, "Diversity in Education Award" by the Association of California School Administrators, "Community Service Recognition Award" by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, and was named "Administrator of the Year" by the Association of Mexican American Educators. Mr. Reyes has also served as a board member for the Community Food Bank in Fresno. The Fresno County Board of Supervisors honored Mr. Reyes in January when they named January 26, 2010 as "Principal Bob Reyes Day" in Fresno County. After his years of commitment and service to the students, staff and surrounding community, an anonymous donor to Fresno High School honored Mr. Reyes by establishing an annual award given to a student at the school in his honor called "The Bob Reyes Leadership Award."

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Principal Bob Reyes upon his retirement from Fresno High School. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Reyes many years of continued success.

#### LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY DISARMAMENT AND NORTHERN UGANDA RECOVERY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the decades-long, unresolved crisis caused by the Lord's Resistance Army, LRA, is one of Africa's longest running and most gruesome rebel wars. For over 20 years, Uganda, a country slightly smaller than Oregon, and its neighbors have suffered from brutal massacres and torture instigated by the LRA. Originally based in northern Uganda, the LRA have infiltrated northeastern Congo, southern Sudan, and the Central African Republic. The humanitarian crisis has resulted in the torture, rape, and death of thousands of civilians and the displacement of over 1.5 million people. Over the past decade, the LRA has abducted over 20,000 children for forced conscription and sexual exploitation. In northern Uganda, children living outside protected camps often leave their homes at night to sleep in hospitals or churches for fear of attack.

The ongoing crisis in Central Africa instigated by the LRA demands more attention, more support, and a more effective plan of action. A fellow Oregonian and constituent of mine, Lisa Shannon, founded the "Run for Congo Women," which has grown into a global movement that has raised over \$600,000 for Women for Women International's Congo program.

I'm pleased that we can help her efforts with S. 1067, which directs the administration to develop a strategy to protect civilians and increase aid and awareness about the effects of the war on the people, governments, and economies of the region. We must act to help Uganda and the three other LRA-affected countries aid their displaced citizens and rebuild their basic services, government, and economic infrastructure.

#### TRIBUTE TO NESIN THERAPY

**HON. PARKER GRIFFITH**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great business in my District, Nesin Therapy Services. In 1987, Janet Nesin founded Nesin Therapy Services from her home in Madison, Alabama.

The initial practice focused on providing contract physical therapy services for home health agencies and nursing homes. Janet's primary goals included controlling the quality of physical therapy services and providing flexible work schedules for her employees. She began the practice with one employee, who remains with the company today.

Despite the turbulence that often accompanies the initial years of small business, the company enjoyed relative success and by 1994 the company had over 15 employees and gross sales were growing. Both of Mrs. Nesin's daughters worked with the business from the beginning and as each completed their respective physical therapy degrees, began to treat patients.

In 1999, gross sales continued to rise. However, with the inherent instability of contracting in the health care industry, the company downsized to 7 employees and began transitioning from contract services to an independent outpatient clinic. This decision by the Nesins, spurred from the loss of a major contract, proved to be the pivotal point for the ultimate success of the company.

Nesin Therapy focused on providing exceptional care, marketed avidly, and capitalized on changes in the local health care market. By 2001, the outpatient division had rapidly expanded and the clinic was moved to Nesin Therapy's current Madison location. In 2002, the business shifted exclusively to outpatient physical therapy services and gross sales once again began to climb.

In 2003, with 13 employees, the decision was made to expand into Huntsville. During this time, increased profitability allowed for the expansion to be funded in cash and, in addition to providing more competitive salaries, bonuses were given to employees. The second clinic was opened June 2004 in Southeast Huntsville. Nesin Therapy Services has grown into a thriving family-owned business with 35 employees and a newly opened third clinic in January of 2011.

Nesin Therapy Services has been the recipient of a number of awards over the years. The past several years have included the 2008 Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award; a 2008, 2009 Best Places to Work Award Winner; a 2009, 2010 United States Chamber Blue Ribbon Small Business Winner; and a 2010 United States Small Business Administration Family Owned Small Business State and Regional Winner.

So, Madam Speaker, I am pleased to highlight this great corporate citizen of North Alabama.

#### HONORING OFFICER STEVEN SONES

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor Officer Steven Sones for being selected as the Bartlett Police Department's 2009 Officer of the Year.

The primary mission of the Bartlett, Tennessee Police Department is to protect and serve the citizens of the community. On April 23, 2009, Officer Steven Sones demonstrated his commitment to mission when he was called to the scene of a mentally disturbed suspect wielding two large kitchen knives and threatening harm to herself and others. As the hours of the intense standoff wore on, the suspect made an abrupt move as if she was going to stab herself. At the moment, the years of dedication, devotion, and training of Officer Sones leaped in as he was able to fire a non-lethal beanbag shot that temporarily disabled the suspect and allowed his fellow officers the opportunity to end the threatening situation without harm to all involved.

Officer Sones began his career with Bartlett Police Department in 2001 when he was hired as a jailer for the City. He stayed with the jail until he was selected as a Patrolman in December of 2004 and participates voluntarily in several special units within the Department. His work with the Crime Suppression Unit and the Special Response Team (S.R.T.) has earned him a reputation as one of the best rounded officers in the Department.

Please join me in honoring Steven Sones and wishing him and his wife, Elisha, and their two children Abby and Bryce, the best on this well-deserved award.

#### TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL "WE THE PEOPLE"

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, in January I recognized students and teachers at Tahoma High School for earning first place in the "We the People" competition.

Now, Madam Speaker, I'm happy to congratulate those same students and teachers for earning the national "Unit Five Award" by accruing the most points in the fifth unit of the "We the People" textbook—a unit that expounds on the rights protected by the Bill of Rights.

The students participated in a three-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing. Students demonstrate their knowledge and skills as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. Annual surveys consistently show that high school students who take part in "We the People" outperform national samples of high school students participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress political test by at least 22%.

Madam Speaker, the names of these outstanding students from Tahoma High School are: Mariah Anderson, Austin Arnold,