

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,

Krzysztof Bieniek, McKenna Blenz, Chad Burgess, Casey Campbell, Matthew Cunningham, Wiley Duerson, Robin Hanson, Matthew Herman, John Iatesta, David Mahoney, Savannah Marstall, Melissa Moorehead, Tucker Murrey, Eric Nucci, Shelby Pelon, Chanse Pierson, Talitha Shiroma, Jordyn Sifferman, Karissa Smith, Carolyn Stevens, and Jonelle Thorsheim.

Also, I want to commend the teacher of the class, Mrs. Gretchen Wulfig, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the National Finals. Also worthy of special recognition: Mr. Kathy Hand, the state coordinator, and Mr. Brad Ulrich, the district coordinator, who are responsible for implementing the "We the People" program in the 8th District. I know the "We the People" organization and the students of the 8th District will continue on the path to knowledge and wisdom. Thank you.

HONORING ANDY COULOURIS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating State Representative Andy Coulouris as he leaves the Michigan Legislature to become the public affairs manager for Dow Corning Corporation in Washington, DC. A farewell event will be held in his honor on May 24 in Saginaw, Michigan.

After graduating from Arthur Hill High School, Andy earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Active in public service, Andy served on the Saginaw City Council for 3 years and was an assistant prosecuting attorney for Saginaw County. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for the 95th District. He recently resigned from his second term on April 30.

Andy has worked with the Saginaw County Domestic Assault Response Team, the Bridge Center for Racial Harmony, the Saginaw County Bar Association, the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority, and he is a Vestry Member at St. John's Episcopal Church in Saginaw. Andy and his wife, Natasha, have 2 daughters, Alexandria and Mia.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Andy Coulouris as he starts his new position. I wish him the best as he enters the next phase of his life.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for S. 1067, the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act.

I am grateful for the leadership that has brought this important legislation—which I am

pleased to cosponsor—to the floor and to bring visibility, focus, and renewed attention and resources to what some have called an Invisible Conflict.

For too long, the Lord's Resistance Army, LRA, has been conducting a campaign of violence and terror against the people of northern Uganda which has spread to southern Sudan and parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic.

In each of these areas, the LRA is destroying lives and communities. Women and children are particularly targeted by this vicious group and have suffered harsh abuses and atrocities at the hands of the LRA and its ruthless leaders.

Joseph Kony, the man directing this group's atrocious and senseless violence, and two other LRA commanders are wanted for war crimes and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court. The ICC indictment lists 33 charges against him including murder, enslavement, sexual enslavement, rape, intentionally directing attacks against civilian population, and the forced enlisting of children into the rebel ranks.

Just last week, media reports indicated that the UN is investigating new allegations of a previously unreported LRA attack in February in a very remote part of the Democratic Republic of Congo that killed over 100 people.

Unfortunately, unless more attention and resources are paid to stopping the LRA, we will probably only continue to hear more similar disheartening and tragic reports in the coming months and weeks.

It is clear that current efforts to apprehend Kony and other LRA leaders are not working and vulnerable civilians in the region continue to pay the price with their lives for that failure. These terrorists must be brought to justice. The international community needs to step up its efforts to rid the affected communities of this threat and help them rebuild and recover. The U.S. can and must play a key role in that effort.

The bill before us today, S. 1067—the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act, makes U.S. policy very clear: to work vigorously for a lasting resolution to the conflict in northern and eastern Uganda and other areas terrorized by the LRA and to eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army to civilians using the political, economic, military, and intelligence tools available to our nation in a comprehensive and multilateral effort that will result in greater protection of innocent civilians and lead to the capture of Joseph Kony and other commanders of the LRA.

This bill is the work of exemplary leadership from colleagues from both sides of the aisle including Congressman JIM MCGOVERN who has been a long time champion for ending conflict and promoting peace.

This legislation is also the result of the hard work of thousands of activists across the country—young and old—including from my district as well who want to ensure justice and peace for the many victims of the LRA.

The bill would give the administration a strong mandate to act swiftly and effectively to lead multilateral efforts to protect children and families from LRA attacks and put a permanent end to these atrocities.

It would require the U.S. to create a strategy working with our international allies on a viable plan to protect civilians from LRA attacks, support the capacity of local authorities to main-

tain the rule of law, prevent conflict, and diplomatically engage on a regional basis to address the threat posed by the LRA.

Lastly, it would express support for U.S. efforts and funding to assist the people of Uganda and the Government of Uganda in rebuilding and recovery projects in areas of northern and eastern Uganda heavily affected by fighting with the LRA and authorize humanitarian aid aimed directly at the families and communities that have been and continue to be victimized by the LRA, including the children pressed into service as soldiers by the LRA.

The tremendous suffering caused by the LRA cannot end soon enough. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this bill.

HONORING PATRICIA DAUGHERTY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Patricia Daugherty for her dedication to her family and community. Mrs. Daugherty passed away in March 2010 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Patricia Daugherty was born on October 5, 1926, in Santa Monica, California. Upon graduating from high school, she attended the University of California, Berkeley for 2 years, and then completed her elementary education major at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In 1949, she married James Harsh and had two children, Betsy and Jim.

Mrs. Daugherty's teaching career began in Ventura, California and continued in Manhattan Beach, California. Mrs. Daugherty moved to Mariposa, California, where she continued her teaching career. She began at the elementary school teaching the fourth grade and later transferred to Mariposa County High School teaching language arts. She also advised the journalism, yearbook, newspaper, competitive speech, Shakespeare, composition and creative writing classes. During her tenure at the high school, Mrs. Daugherty was also involved with drama, as well as the junior and senior plays. She was the first pep club advisor and later served as the senior class advisor.

In 1974, Mrs. Daugherty retired. She and her second husband, Sid Daugherty, moved to Joseph, Oregon. In 1976 they built a house on San Juan Island, where they lived until 1980, when Mr. Daugherty's business took them to Port Townsend, Washington. In 1982, they moved to Santa Barbara, where they remained for the next 10 years. In 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty returned to San Juan Island for a few years, until Mr. Daugherty's health declined and they moved to Yuba City, California. Mr. Daugherty passed away on October 1, 1999.

Mrs. Daugherty returned to Mariposa in June 2001. She enjoyed visiting with her former students and colleagues and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Daugherty is survived by her son Jim, his wife Jan and grandsons Jeff and Dillon; her daughter Betsy and her husband John Montoya; her granddaughter Shannon and her husband Joe Marcus; great granddaughters Sydney, Jordan and Delany; her sisters Trudy Allison and