

to adopt a resolution drafted by the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children that would recommend that the Permanent Bureau of The Hague produce and promote Practice Guides to assist in the implementation and operation of the Convention.

While great strides have been made, we recognize that there are serious shortcomings in its implementation. These Practice Guides, therefore, are necessary.

There will be no parents included from the U.S. on the trip to The Hague. So at this time I would like to let the parents of abducted children, including people like Lady Catherine Meyer, Joseph Cooke, Jim Rinaman, Tom Sylvester, Tom Johnson and others know that I have heard their stories, I have heard their voices, and I will be representing them and their concerns before the 60 contracting parties. Their voices will be heard there.

CONGRATULATING FOUNDERS OF MIAMI'S WOMEN'S PARK AND HISTORY GALLERY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) and I wish to congratulate the founders of Miami Women's Park and History Gallery:

Mother of the Park and women's rights pioneer, Roxey O'Neal Bolton; chair of the committee, Judge Bonnie Lano Rippingille; secretary, Teresa Zorilla Clark; treasurer, Molly Turner; and historian, Dr. Dorothy Jenkins Fields.

I also congratulate and as well the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK) congratulates founders Leona Cooper, Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, Diane Brant, Colette McCurdy Jackson, Dr. Patricia Clements, and the late Elaine Gordon, Monna Lighte and Helen Miller.

Judge Rippingille also founded Sisters of the Heart, a program that links delinquent girls with positive female role models.

Tomorrow, the Park will exhibit 100 years of African American Women's History, narrated by historian Dr. Jenkins Fields. The girls will learn of African American women in literature and in the suffrage movement. They will write essays and paint posters with positive images.

We congratulate the Women's Park Committee for the contributions of women in South Florida and for leaving a positive legacy by investing in the lives of our future leaders. Tomorrow's leaders are today's girls.

CDBG RENEWAL ACT

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, with the support of 50 of my colleagues, I am introducing the Community Development Block Grant Renewal Act, a bill that directs more CDBG funding to the low and moderate income people so that the CDBG program should serve.

The basic mission of the Community Development Block Grant program is to direct Federal funding to the neediest among us. Today, pressures on low and moderate income people are more acute than ever before because of a severe shortage of affordable housing, the growing loss of public housing units and the changes in welfare law.

Mr. Speaker, the CDBG program is not a revenue-sharing measure. It is not meant to simply redistribute money from the Federal Government to the States and local governments for any purposes whatsoever. Rather, the Community Development Block Grant program is to build housing, to provide safe, healthy housing for people who cannot afford market rents. It is meant to provide economic development and jobs for people with low and moderate income.

My bill would amend the CDBG statute to better reflect the original spirit and intent of the law. It will require grantees to spend at least 80 percent of their CDBG funds to directly benefit low and moderate income people.

LOS SERRANOS COUNTRY CLUB ADOPTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Mr. GARY MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the partnership that has been forged between Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills, California, and Los Serranos Elementary School.

Jack Kramer, the owner of the Los Serranos Country Club, has committed to donating \$10,000 a year over the next 5 years to the Los Serranos Elementary School. The first to participate in the Chino Valley Unified School District's new Adopt-A-School program, Mr. Kramer is demonstrating one way businesses can support their local schools.

Mr. Kramer's desire to improve his community is admirable and worthy of praise. As the first business owner to participate in this program, he has set an outstanding example to other business leaders, and his generosity has most certainly set a high standard. However, most noteworthy is Mr. Kramer's reason for participating. His simple statement, "it's worthwhile," says everything about education.

PEACE IN THE BALKANS REQUIRES INDEPENDENCE FOR KOSOVO

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. From the United Nations to heads of state, everyone is hoping against hope for peace in the Balkans. I do not want to rain on everyone's parade, but in my opinion there will never be peace in the Balkans until there is independence for Kosovo. The bottom line, it is the right thing to do. Ninety percent of the citizens of Kosovo are ethnic Albanians. Freedom and independence for Kosovo is the only long-term solution for a lasting peace in the Balkans.

I yield back the fact that map boundaries have been redrawn regularly throughout history to accomplish peace.

NURSE JILL STANEK TO ADDRESS LAWMAKERS TODAY

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, at noon today, some of us will be hearing from Jill Stanek, a nurse from Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She will be sharing some actual experiences with us, telling us what happens when a baby survives an abortion. That is something we do not often hear about.

Just what does happen? Babies survive abortion more often than one might think. One day Julie found a small living baby in a soiled utility room at her hospital, 22 weeks old, aborted because he had Down's Syndrome. His mother had an abortion, but he survived. The hospital did not know what to do with him, so he was just left in that cold room, lying naked on the counter. No one lifted a finger to help him live. Jill sat and cradled him in her arms for 45 minutes until he died.

Mr. Speaker, last year we passed the Born Alive Infants Protection Act in the House to make it clear that all infants who are born alive, even if they were supposed to be aborted, are treated as legal persons under Federal law. Soon, it will be introduced again.

Today, I invite my colleagues just to come and listen to Jill tell her story. It will take place in Room 311 Cannon at 12 noon.

U.N. CONVENTION ON ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)