

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 366

Affirming the importance of increased international action and a national week of prayer for the Ugandan victims of Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army, and expressing the sense of the Senate that Sudan, Uganda, and the international community bring justice and humanitarian assistance to Northern Uganda and that February 2 through 9, 2006, should be designated as a national week of prayer and reflection for the people of Uganda.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BOND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. KYL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VITTER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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2 through 9, 2006, should be designated as a national week of prayer and reflection for the people of Uganda.

Whereas Joseph Kony has led the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) since 1987, terrorizing the region of Northern Uganda;

Whereas up to 200,000 people have been killed in violent conflict and from disease and malnutrition;

Whereas 80 to 90 percent of Kony's fighters are enslaved children—brutalized and brainwashed to kill;

Whereas sources estimate that between 20,000 and 50,000 children have been abducted by the LRA since 1987;

Whereas these children are sexually abused, raped, beaten, taunted and traumatized by older soldiers in the LRA;

Whereas these children are maliciously coerced to mutilate, rape, and murder others, even their own family members and friends;

Whereas LRA leaders often force the friends and siblings of unsuccessful escapees to carry out vicious punishments to further the LRA's culture of fear, intimidation and guilt;

Whereas even those children who do manage to escape are unspeakably traumatized, often infected with sexually transmitted diseases, and stigmatized by society;

Whereas approximately 40,000 children in rural Uganda trek miles into towns each night to sleep under the protection of soldiers and attempt to avoid capture;

Whereas more than 1.6 million people have been forced to flee their homes;

Whereas the conflict has slowed Uganda's development efforts, costing the country at least \$1.33 billion, or 3 percent of its GDP; and

Whereas, starting in October 2005, the Sudan government gave Joseph Kony a three month grace period to surrender: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate—

2 (1) that the government of Sudan continue to
3 prosecute LRA terrorists within its borders and aid
4 Uganda in ending the conflict;

5 (2) that Uganda use every available resource to
6 end the atrocities of the LRA and bring its members
7 to justice;

8 (3) that the United States and international
9 community recognize the atrocities occurring daily in
10 Uganda and provide necessary humanitarian assist-
11 ance; and

12 (4) that the week of February 2 through 9,
13 2006, should be designated as a National Week of
14 Prayer and Reflection for the people of Northern
15 Uganda.

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