

ship from the Democratic Party. She also represents those Democrats of my generation who know that the party must reject the post-industrial ideology of the 1960s that infected our generation. This ideology has led us into the pit of globalization and free trade. Right now it is causing the shutdown of our auto industry and its essential machine-tool capacity, and the highly paid skilled jobs associated with it.

Kesha has been an active Democrat as a grassroots organizer and precinct chair for several years. Kesha says it's time to return to the tradition of FDR, and industrial production, and skilled jobs, and decent wages. She is calling on Democrats to get behind a program for the poor and middle class, students, and the elderly, the lower 80% we have largely abandoned as Democrats. This is an organizing strategy that will bring former Democrats and disenchanted voters in general, back to our party. That's how we will win in November and in 2008.

Fellow delegates, vote for Kesha today and follow her "Out of the Bushes, Into the Future"!



district, not a stone left unturned, that we did not go into; whether it was door to door, or on the traffic islands, we were educating the population about the evils of Tom DeLay.

Now, leadership, on the other hand though, is not just telling people how bad things are. We have to have a solution to the problems. We have to go in, and demonstrate to people that there are real solutions to this crisis we face as a nation, and Kesha Rogers has demonstrated, time and time again, that she's willing to fight for a real transformation, against globalization and free trade.

We're going to "Get Out of the Bushes, and Into the Future," with Kesha Rogers.

Thank you.

Lakesha Rogers

'Out of the Bushes And Into the Future'

Speech to the Convention, June 10.

Hello Democrats, my name is Lakesha Rogers, and I am running for your Democratic Party Chair. I am running because this nation is in great danger. We are in danger right now, of losing our great nation, losing our Constitution, and losing the principles which shaped this great Republic! We're losing those principles, because thugs like Dick Cheney, Tom DeLay, have destroyed our country, and the values which we represent. We have to take them back! This is why I've launched a campaign with the slogan, "Out of the Bushes and Into the Future." And those of you who know what that means, know that we must fight *now*, to take Texas back, and take this nation back. [applause]

I have fought, in the Democratic Party, and been a Democrat for the last 29 years. I'm 29 years old. I started as a precinct chair for many years, and I've taken on the fight which is necessary to adopt the principles to take the country back to the ideas and the legacy of Franklin Roosevelt; to those ideas that were once shaped by great leaders such as Henry B. Gonzales and Ralph Yarborough, who understood that we have to stand up to the devices of those of Wall Street and the financier interests, those who are now trying to come in and hijack and cripple the Democratic Party. Those like Felix Rohatyn, who want to destroy our party, and individuals who want to make sure that we don't have a nation any longer.

I want to let you know that I have led the fight on the ground to build a groundswell in the Democratic Party, to bring the fight back to the people once again. We cannot be

Nomination by Dennis Daulton

Hello there, my name is Dennis Daulton, and I am glad to nominate Kesha Rogers for the Democratic State Chairmanship.

At age 18, I joined the U.S. Navy, and I did this for two reasons. First was to serve my country, but second was to gain the leadership skills necessary to be a Democratic candidate, who could win and lead this nation to victory [applause]. Well, I did get elected as a Democratic candidate to the precinct chair, now twice. But, the leadership skills I've learned have come through organizing with the LaRouche Youth Movement, organizing on the streets of this nation, talking to the population about the necessary economic reforms that our country needs, to survive.

We organize mostly on college campuses, organizing around the FDR tradition, industrialization, infrastructure projects. But we have battles with these students, battles over ideas, ideas that will shape this country's future.

Now, Kesha and I came up, we cut our teeth in our fight we waged against Tom DeLay in the 22nd Congressional District [cheers, applause]. There was not a corner of that



mechanical about this. This party is not about business. It's about bringing in ideas from young people, bringing in ideas to shape the future once again. Bringing in those ideas that are going to *challenge*, challenge the traditions which are necessary to have a real impact in the population, fighting for the forgotten men and women of this nation.

The first order of business for the Democratic Party, has to be to *get Cheney out now!* [applause] And Maxine Waters, Representative from California, has just recognized this, and I am going with her on that one.

I stood strong in the fight to bring down Tom DeLay, going door to door, organizing day by day. I want to let you know, I am an organizer! After graduating college, I found that our generation had no future. We're not trained in skilled labor, our productive capabilities are falling. We're losing our labor forces right now. We have to bring labor into discussions of the Democratic Party. We have to bring the forgotten men and women! Why is it that we have almost 36 counties not here, represented? We should have made sure that they were here! Why is it that we don't have more young people here? I'm going to bring them in! [applause] Why are we not addressing the needs of our farmers? We have to bring them in, now!

And I ask you today, that you join me. I am ready to join with you, as your leader and as a candidate for the Texas Democratic Party Chair. I'm ready to work with you, to reorganize and to change this party, back to the traditions which it once represented. I know I'm young; I don't know everything. But you and I, together, will take this party back. We'll take it back to the people, and we'll make sure that *we win the fight* to take Texas back Out of the Bushes and Into the Future! And we are going to do it *without DeLay!* [cheers]

Democrats: I'm counting on you to make a change. Join me, now! Thank you. [cheers, applause]

Interview: Lakesha Rogers

Texas Dems Make Way for LaRouche

Harley Schlanger interviewed LaRouche Youth Movement leader Lakesha Rogers on June 12, immediately after the conclusion of the Texas Democratic convention. Here are excerpts.

EIR: Kesha, you entered the race for Texas Democratic Party chair rather late. Why did you decide to run?

Rogers: After the announcement by Tom DeLay that he was

resigning, many Democrats acted as though we could get by with nothing more than the "we're not them" attitude, that the Republicans are so bad, people will automatically vote for Democrats. To address this in Texas, as well as the same problem nationally, you and Lyn [LaRouche] suggested that I run for the office. . . . The idea was that my campaign can shape the potential for a landslide victory in 2006, to win back the House and the Senate. We launched the campaign with the slogan "Out of the Bushes and Into the Future," which created an immediate impact statewide, and nationally.

EIR: What's been your experience in the Party?

Rogers: I have been active for many years. . . . I campaigned for former Mayor Lee Brown (in Houston) and worked in Congressional campaigns, such as for Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.) and others. After joining the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM) three years ago, I became a precinct chair. With the LYM, I played a key role in leading the fight against the poster boy of free trade and corruption, Tom DeLay. We showed Democrats how to take on the Shultz/Rohatyn crowd which was behind Social Security privatization. And we are showing Democrats that we can, and must, discuss these issues, at the highest level, with constituents in the lower 80% of family income brackets, that that is how we can give them a sense of mission in working with the Democratic Party.

EIR: What kind of campaigning did you do?

Rogers: We took the approach of building a groundswell in the population. The idea was to rejuvenate those layers which had been displaced by the Democratic Party, bring them back into the fight. I travelled with other members of the LYM throughout the state, organizing at campuses, union halls, Democratic Party meetings, at tax offices, and post offices. . . .

We focussed on LaRouche's proposal for retooling the auto industry, to enable long-term infrastructure development. We had to educate people on the Hamiltonian model of public credit, versus the free trade model of Shultz and Rohatyn.

A crucial part of this was discussing the urgent need to kick out the dirty Wall Street faction, which has attempted to hijack the party, trying to eliminate the legacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt, to get the party to go along with free trade and globalization. We led a strong fight to expose the role of Felix Rohatyn in attacking this FDR legacy, which is still important in Texas. This really shook things up, especially in discussions with Congressmen and elected officials.

EIR: What kind of response did you get from Texas Democrats?

Rogers: It has been one of an overwhelming eagerness for honest leadership and open discussion, and a strong rejection of the status quo. . . .

For example, a man on the State Democratic Executive Committee stood up in the meeting when the interim chair