

The Gaines were so inspired by their own personal growth, and desired to contribute more to Chabad, they helped to establish the Gaines Family Adult Educational Institute. This institute in conjunction with Chabad's goals truly builds bridges toward Jewish unity. The institute has served thousands of people providing quality Jewish education, particularly helping those in spiritual need. Without the Gaines' help many members of our community would go unfulfilled.

The Gaines extraordinary vision for the future has made them a grand success in their philanthropic world. They leave a legacy for their children and other members of our community to follow.

It is an honor to join the family and friends of Stephen and Iris in recognizing them for their great work in our community.

WESTHILL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WINS NYS CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I ask today that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 1996-97 New York State Lady's Varsity Class B Soccer Champions from Westhill High School in Syracuse, NY.

This is the same team, though some new players have come on board, for whom I asked recognition last year when they won the New York State Class C Championship.

At a school where both academics and athletics are points of intense pride, the girls soccer program at Westhill has been particularly exceptional. This year, goalie Wallis Patulski saved 147 goals while Courtney Spencer, Megan Rogers, and Alissa Hoover scored 32, 30 and 24 goals respectively in a 24-0-1 overall season record on the way to the class B State championship title. Coach Ann Riva's assistant this year was Amy Ehlinger.

Coach Riva has tasted victory before. Under her, the last 2 years' teams have won the class C State championship title.

In addition to those named above, team members include: Jessica Adyan, Gabby Gaspe, Julie Guinn, Lindsay Lazarski, Karen Guinn, Sharon Gates, Jess Vossseteig, Sara Murphy, Jen Conway, Julie Carpenter, Michelle Mahaney, Sheida Tabaie, Shannan Card, and Jen Kirsch. Kirs Donovan was brought up from JV's for the sectionals and the state championship tournament.

As a parent of Westhill student athletes, I know most of the students who play a sport at Westhill. They have demonstrated not only individual skills and team cohesiveness—but also a collective strength which draws from the entire Westhill community: parents, faculty, staff.

From all of us, congratulations to the team for an impressive accomplishment.

HONORING DANISE CANTLON OF ELLIOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Ms. STABENOW Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, I am pleased to honor Danise Joan Cantlon, a math teacher from Elliott Elementary School in Holt, MI, on the occasion of her receipt of the 1996 Presidential Award in Mathematics and Science Training.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Training are designed to recognize and reward outstanding teachers in the area of science and math. In addition to the national recognition, Danise will receive a National Science Federation grant of \$7,500 to be used under her direction.

Teachers such as Ms. Cantlon are role models to our students. Through the receipt of this prestigious award, I hope the students of Elliot Elementary will be even more encouraged and stimulated to excel in math and science. Most importantly, this award should be an inspiration to many young girls in mid-Michigan. Research conducted by the American Association of University Women recently concluded that, in many of our schools, there remains a gender gap in science course enrollment, advanced math courses, and scientific and technological careers. By recognizing successful women in the field of math and science, we also inspire and encourage girls to pursue interests and careers in these areas.

I applaud the work Danise Cantlon has done at Elliot Elementary School. We are very lucky to have her teaching our children.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA EPPS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator and a dear friend, Sandra Epps. Mrs. Epps will be honored by her peers at her retirement dinner on Friday, June 20, in Flint, MI.

Sandra Epps is retiring after 33 years of service to the children of Flint. She has worked tirelessly as an educator in the Flint Community Schools during this time. A graduate of the Flint school system, Sandra returned to her community after completing her studies at Eastern Michigan University.

Specializing in elementary education, Sandra started teaching in 1964. Sandra's exemplary teaching style quickly earned accolades from her supervisors. In 1973 she was promoted to the position of assistant principal at Pierson Community School. She served in this capacity during the 1973-74 school year. During the 1974-75 school year she held the same post at Merrill Community School. In 1975 Sandra was elevated to the position of principal at Dewey Community School. In addition to serving as principal of Dewey, Sandra also spent several years as principal of Martin Luther King Community School and Potter Multicultural Global School. Sandra's commitment to her students reached far beyond the

administrator's chair. She understood that problems in the classroom were often closely linked to problems outside the classroom. She took the time over the years to listen to and help her students. Over and over again her students returned the favor. She is an unsung hero in the field of education.

Despite the pressures of raising a family, Sandra has devoted a large part of her life to many community organizations. She is the president of the Flint Human Relations Commission, the coordinator of the Victorious Christian Women Inc., and the vice president of the Flint Neighborhood Improvement and Preservation project. These are just a few of the community activities Sandra is dedicated too. The complete list is extensive.

Sandra Epps is an outstanding educator and an outstanding person. I have known Sandra for many, many, years. Along with her husband John, her children Mark, Randy, and Trayce, Sandra has encouraged and supported me over the years. I very much treasure our friendship. I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me today to honor a truly great educator, Sandra Epps.

IN HONOR OF MARY STRASSMEYER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mary Strassmeyer as she retires from journalism after 39 years of reporting on the social scene in Cleveland, OH.

After studying history and English at Notre Dame College Mary went on to do graduate work in history at the University of Toledo. In 1983, she graduated from Cleveland Marshall College of Law and passed the bar the same year. Mary held a variety of jobs after graduation, but began her career in journalism in earnest when she quit a Federal job, took a pay cut and joined the editorial staff at the Cleveland News where she stayed for 4 years covering women's news, education and the PTA.

She was hired by the Plain Dealer in 1960 to serve as women's features writer and later became beauty editor and assistant travel editor. In 1965, Mary was named society editor, where she really started to shake things up. She could make or break an event, or even someone's career, simply by what she wrote in her column. She has covered everything from fashion and food to movies and, even though she will not divulge them, knows all the secrets behind the secrets on the business and social scene in Cleveland.

After 4 years as society editor, Mary organized a group of reporters called the Society of American Social Scribes [SASS]. The group's members later elected her president. In the same year, she was listed in Status Magazine as one of the best big-city society editors in the Nation.

In her retirement, Mary plans to devote more time to putting her law degree to use, working at Gerry's International Travel Agency, in which she is a shareholder, and of course, more writing. Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the achievements of Mary Strassmeyer, just as her colleagues and friends will on June 23, 1997. Her weekly witty writings will be missed at the Plain Dealer.

HONORING BISHOP J. NEAUL
HAYNES FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize 20 years of dedicated service of a dear friend and the jurisdictional prelate of the Texas Northeast Churches of God in Christ, my friend Bishop James Neaul Haynes. His distinguished service in our religious community will be recognized on Thursday, June 26, 1997, in the sanctuary of Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ in Dallas at 2200 South Marsalis Avenue.

Bishop James Neaul Hayes was born in Denton, TX, and graduated with honors from Fred Moore High School. He received his bachelor's degree, and went on to study at the University of Denver in Colorado, then at the Dallas Theological Seminary.

He began his service in April 1949, and was licensed as a minister and ordained as elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1950. His first ministerial job was at the Church of God in Christ in Pampa, TX, in 1952. During the early years of his distinguished career he served as pastor of Saint Emanuel Church of God in Christ in Denison, TX, from 1960 to 1969. From 1969 to 1979, he relocated to Wheatley Church of God in Christ in Dallas—the city which he now calls home. He stayed in Dallas and served in many of the great churches of our city: Haynes Chapel Church of God in Christ from 1977 to 1979, and in 1979, he became pastor of the Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ where he currently serves today.

During his distinguished career, he served the Texas Northeast Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, in many capacities. In 1964, he served on the Texas Jurisdiction Trustee Board, and as district superintendent of the West District of the Texas Northeast Jurisdiction in 1967. In 1969, he served as assistant State secretary of the organization. He was appointed as administrative assistant to the State Bishop in 1973 and in 1978, took the position of presiding prelate of Texas Northeast Jurisdiction. Also during this time, Bishop Haynes served The Church of God in Christ, Inc., which has a membership of 8.5 million.

In 1972, he served as a member of the trustee board of the Church of God in Christ, and assistant secretary of registration from 1972 to 1984. In 1984, he was elected to serve as member of the General Board of Bishops, Presidium, of The Church of God in Christ, Inc., and then was appointed second assistant presiding Bishop of the same organization.

His distinguished service in our community is illustrated by the amount of time he has devoted to Dallas' religious community. His leadership is exemplified by Bishop Haynes' vision and compassion which are sought and respected throughout our Nation. Because of his commitment to the service of mankind, Bishop Haynes has received a number of citations, awards, and plaques. Among these are: 1977 Minister of the Year Award, from the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and the Community Appreciation Award, from the Governor of Texas in 1978.

No matter what board, organization, or committee, Bishop Haynes has served, he has always worked to help people in Dallas by making sure he spent his time helping others and giving back to his community which has given so much to him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues assembled here today to join me in recognizing my good friend and the fine Bishop from Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ for his 20 years of dedicated service to the city of Dallas. All of Dallas and the State of Texas are extremely lucky to have such a great pastor, and I am certain his work for the next 20 years will continue to be full of meaningful accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA BURNAM

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marcia Burnam, whose outstanding commitment to helping others is being recognized by the American Jewish Committee with its 1997 Community Service Award. I would like to add my praise for this remarkable woman.

Marcia Burnam truly embodies the spirit of service to others. A wise man once said that "The best charity is good will" and Marcia has certainly demonstrated her good will. She has spent countless hours working for various organizations, such as the Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy Studies, the Leo Baeck Temple and has also been an active alumnus of Vas-sar College. Additionally, Marcia was chair of the Portraits of American Women and the Jewish Federation's Volunteer Bureau.

Since 1950's American Jewish Committee President Irving Engel first introduced her to the AJC, Marcia has devoted long hours to this organization in numerous capacities, including working for the Jewish Family Center, directing the committee's fight for civil rights and acting as a national vice president for the organization.

Despite these innumerable hours devoted to others, Marcia was still able to raise a family and now spends time with her four grandchildren. It is a great honor to pay tribute to Marcia Burnam for receiving this award and I would like to add my praise for her hard work and dedication to our community.

THE COMPUTER SECURITY
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1997

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 1997

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 1903, the Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997. I would like to thank Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman CONSTANCE MORELLA, and the full committee and subcommittee ranking minority members, Congressmen GEORGE BROWN and BART GORDON, for their efforts in crafting a bipartisan bill which should help strengthen computer security throughout the Federal Government.

The lack of adequate security for Federal civilian computer systems is a significant problem. Since June 1993, the General Accounting Office [GAO] has issued over 30 reports detailing serious information security weaknesses at Federal agencies. This year, GAO highlighted computer security as a governmentwide, high-risk issue in its high risk series.

H.R. 1903 is intended to address this problem by strengthening the National Institute of Standards and Technology's [NIST] historic role in computer security. The bill updates the Computer Security Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-235) to give NIST the tools it needs to ensure that appropriate attention and effort is concentrated on securing our Federal information technology infrastructure.

The Computer Security Act gives NIST the lead responsibility for computer security for Federal civilian agencies. The act requires NIST to develop the standards and guidelines needed to ensure cost-effective security and privacy of sensitive information in Federal computer systems.

H.R. 1903 updates the act to take into account the evolution of computer networks and their use by both the Federal Government and the private sector. Further, the bill's authorizations are consistent with authorizations that have already passed the House as part of H.R. 1274, the NIST Authorization Act of 1997.

Specifically, the bill:

Reduces the cost and improves the availability of computer security technologies for Federal agencies by requiring NIST to promote the Federal use of off-the-shelf products for meeting civilian agency computer security needs.

Enhances the role of the independent Computer System Security and Privacy Advisory Board in NIST's decisionmaking process. The board, which is made up of representatives from industry, Federal agencies and other outside experts, should assist NIST in its development of standards and guidelines for Federal systems.

Requires NIST to develop standardized tests and procedures to evaluate the strength of foreign encryption products. Through such tests and procedures, NIST, with assistance from the private sector, will be able to judge the relative strength of foreign encryption, thereby defusing some of the concerns associated with the export of domestic encryption products.

Limits NIST's involvement to the development of standards and guidelines for Federal civilian systems. The bill clarifies that NIST standards and guidelines are to be used for the acquisition of security technologies for the Federal Government and are not intended as restrictions on the production or use of encryption by the private sector.

Updates the Computer Security Act to address changes in technology over the last decade. Significant changes in the manner in which information technology is used by the Federal Government has occurred since the enactment of the Computer Security Act. The bill updates the act, taking these changes into account.

Establishes a new computer science fellowship program for graduate and undergraduate students studying computer security. The bill sets aside \$250,000 a year, for each of the