

first 138 kilovolt power cables and are responsible for the longest and deepest submarine power cable project in North America.

I had the opportunity to visit the Kerite Company in August of last year. Nestled in the Seymour community, the company has preserved much of its history in an onsite museum. While touring the facility, I was also able to develop a better understanding of the technology they are employing today. Through their continued commitment to providing quality and superior performance, the Kerite Company has developed an international reputation for service and value. It is this dedication that has allowed them to withstand the toughest test of all—the test of time.

For a century and a half, Kerite has been a pioneer in its industry and with its distinguished reputation has been a source of pride for the Seymour and Valley communities. Today, as the Kerite Company celebrates its past and looks ahead to the future, I am proud to stand and congratulate them on their 150th Anniversary and extend my very best wishes to them for many more years of success.

HONORING CANTOR PAMELA
SAWYER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Cantor Pamela Sawyer of Berkeley, California for ten years of dedicated service as Hazzan at Temple Israel of Alameda.

Cantor Sawyer has been a resident of California since early childhood, and the study and performance of music has been a central component of her life since that time. After completing undergraduate and graduate studies in performance and composition, Cantor Sawyer began performing professionally in the Bay Area in local orchestras, pop, jazz, and salsa groups, and was a member of the Oakland Symphony Chorus. In addition, she has appeared on numerous pop and classical music recordings, and currently performs with her own ensemble, the Bay Area Women's Quartet.

Cantor Sawyer began serious Jewish and Hebrew studies in 1992. After studying under various local cantors, she began serving Temple Israel as its Cantorial Soloist. In the years that followed, she went on not only to become the Temple's Cantor, but also to lead the Temple's B'nei Mitvah training as well as its religious studies for seventh graders. In addition to her role as an educator and mentor at Temple Israel, Cantor Sawyer has served as an educator at Congregation Netivot Shalom in Berkeley, B'nei Torah in Antioch, Kol Shofar in Tiburon, and at various other Bay Area congregations. Furthermore, she is currently a member of the Guild of Temple Musicians, the Cantors' Assembly, the Women Cantor's Network, the Northern California Board of Cantors, the National Association of Jewish Chaplaincy and the Alameda Ministerial Association. Finally, in addition to her service to congregations within the United States, Cantor Sawyer has worked with various congregations and presented at scholarly conferences in Germany, where she continues to give

workshops and consult with clergy from various communities.

On November 13, 2004, Cantor Sawyer will be honored in Oakland, California for her ten years of outstanding service to Temple Israel. I would like to take this opportunity to commend her for her exceptional contributions not only to the Jewish community, but also for her role as a leader and mentor in the areas of musical education and community service. By remaining active in and dedicated to these important areas, Cantor Sawyer has contributed immeasurably to Alameda County and the East Bay. The 9th Congressional District salutes and congratulates her for her many years of invaluable service.

IN HONOR OF THE CUYAHOGA
VALLEY CAREER CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), as students, instructors, administrators and members of the community gather today to dedicate the expansion of the new building addition at the Center—the largest expansion in the thirty-two year history of the Career Center.

Although CVCC's structure has evolved, the core mission has remained constant for more than three decades—to prepare all students, regardless of their age, to achieve their professional goals and dreams. In order to successfully navigate through the changing tides of today's society and economy, the CVCC is a critical resource and guide for students either choosing the the path that leads to a career, or students on the path to higher education.

The services, instruction and guidance offered by the CVCC is multi-layered and varied. Since its inception thirty-two years ago, the CVCC has assisted thousands of high school and adult students advance and succeed in numerous business, technical, civic, service and trades careers. The School-to-Career program provided by the CVCC has offered more than 24, 000 students, grades K through 12, the opportunity to acquire first-hand knowledge regarding future career choices.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the Dedication Ceremony for the newly completed expansion of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. As in the past, the Center promises to continue the vital work of preparing our students for professional achievement within today's workforce. We honor the leadership and vision of the CVCC administrators. And moreover, we honor the dedicated work of every teacher, counselor, and every staff member of the CVCC, whose day-to-day impact, guidance, encouragement and instruction gives every student the power to embrace and capture their dreams, and thereby strengthening the hope and promise of our entire community.

RECOGNIZING MACKENZIE T. GLAZER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize MacKenzie T. Glazer, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 260, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. On November 6, MacKenzie will receive his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Kansas City, Missouri.

MacKenzie has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years MacKenzie has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending MacKenzie T. Glazer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, COMMISSIONER ELAINE T. VALENTE

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my appreciation for the many years of dedicated service that Commissioner Elaine T. Valente has provided to the residents of Adams County, CO. Her many years of service as a County Commissioner have truly made an impact on Adams County.

Commissioner Valente, a Colorado native, served on many boards and commissions before running for public office. She was elected to the Adams County Board of Commissioners in 1988 and is the first and only female commissioner elected during the first 100 years of Adams County's existence. Commissioner Valente was re-elected to the board for three additional terms.

Noted for her steel-trap mind, her leadership was instrumental in improving the financial stability of the county. Many qualities distinguish her service to the county, but in particular her commitment to open space and protecting the county's interests are notable. Leading by example, she worked tirelessly to improve the reputation and credibility of the county.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Elaine for her distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Adams County and wish her all the best on her future endeavors.

HONORING CRANFORD HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cranford High School in Cranford, New Jersey, for being named a 2004 National School of Character at the Character Edu-

cation Partnership's Annual Forum. Cranford is receiving this award in recognition of its exemplary work to encourage the ethical, social and academic development of its students through character education.

Suffering from growing disciplinary problems and other challenges 1990s, Cranford High School began to focus on educating its students on character qualities such as respect for others and responsibility. The school aimed to "create a caring community through service learning by the year 2006." Through peer fa-

cilitation, a mentoring program, a focus on service education and character education, Cranford has reached its important goal ahead of schedule.

Cranford is one of only 10 schools in the country selected as a 2004 National School of Character. I commend all the students, teachers, administrators and parents of Cranford High School for their hard work and for setting such an excellent example for all those involved in educating the youth of America.