

and began sinking a large mine shaft 647 feet deep, one and one-half miles southeast of town. Because of the sinking of the Keller mine and the extension of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad into the rich coal fields of the region, Sesser was born. After it was discovered that a deep vein of coal lay under this area, the news traveled fast and people of many nationalities came to Sesser to work.

Two railroad officials, John C. Elliot and John Sesser, a surveyor from whom Sesser received its name, laid out the original plat which contained a square of sixteen blocks. This original plat ran from the railroad to the City Hall and two blocks north and two blocks south of Main Street (Franklin Ave). Sesser was later appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as a member of the Railway Labor Board in Washington D.C. in 1920. Later he served as a Vice-President of the Cuban Railway.

Homes and businesses sprang up fast. Most of the businesses were two story buildings with rooms above to handle the people coming to work in the mines in Sesser. In 1912, the Sesser City Board made contact with the Egyptian Light Company to furnish power and electric lights for the City. Sesser's first sidewalks were made from railroad ties with hitching racks along both sides of the street. In 1912, concrete sidewalks covered eight miles within Sesser.

Sesser's first high school began in 1919, the opera house, drug stores, hotel and restaurants were soon opened. Water and sewer systems were completed in 1914 and a dial system was installed in 1954. Sesser's City Hall was completed in 1967 and the Franklin County Housing Authority approved 30 rental units in Sesser in 1968. Two factories serviced the Sesser area, Sesser Concrete was built in 1946, making concrete blocks and other products and Lyn Gai Garment Company manufactured ladies apparel.

Sesser Sheltercare Home, a 60 bed health care facility, was opened in 1970. This facility is located on farm property previously owned by my mother and father-in-law, George and Eloise Cockrum. This facility was purchased and renamed Redwood Manor. Several rural county schools were in session at one time and now they are housed in one location.

Sesser today is a community of over 2000 and boasts hotels, restaurants and community churches. It remains a vital part of the economy of Franklin County and southern Illinois.

This year, Sesser celebrates its centennial and also commemorates the 49th year of the annual Sesser Homecoming, an event which draws people from throughout the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the founding of the community and the people of the City of Sesser, Illinois on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND HARRY CRENSHAW

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Jerusalem Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio will bid a fond farewell to its revered patriarch, Reverend Harry

Crenshaw. With the coming of spring, Reverend Crenshaw retires as pastor of the church after a lifetime of service to his flock and that of the larger Toledo community. Truly a community leader, long recognized as the voice of the church, Reverend Crenshaw has been a mainstay of the Jerusalem congregation and its neighborhood for decades. He is a man for others.

"Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits at the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in His law does he meditate both day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of the water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper." (Psalms, 1:1-3)

Within the words of this passage lies Reverend Dr. Harry Crenshaw. A man of God, he lives the Word in thought and deed, and has imparted his love of that Word to generations. Through his strength and wisdom he has provided counsel to thousands. The esteem with which he is held is testament to his prominent role in the lifeblood of the community and the personal lives of the people to whom he ministers.

While no one can build a church alone, Jerusalem Baptist Church and its ministry, the Jerusalem Outreach Center, are attributable to the passion and perseverance of Reverend Dr. Crenshaw. His guidance and leadership have been a primary force in the growth of the church and its neighborhood mission, particularly its embrace of our youth. He has come to embody faith and hope for the next generation of our community.

Reverend Dr. Crenshaw has earned his rest as he takes his leave from the day-to-day operations of the Jerusalem congregation. Yet, his abiding goodness lives strong in each of us whose lives he has touched. We know he will remain involved in its activities for the church and its works are a part of him. Reverend Dr. Harry Crenshaw's soul will echo on in the buildings' walls and the congregation's hearts for many years to come. He came this far by faith with his beautiful wife, Frances, and he led us all to a more humane and compassionate community and world.

THANKING OUR TEACHERS MAY 2- 8—TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Albert Einstein once said that "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge". I rise today to thank our Nation's teachers for their exceptional work, compassion and dedication to our children everyday. Although May 4th was National Teacher's Day, this entire week, May 2-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week.

I think everyone can think back and remember that one teacher that touched their lives—whether it was the one that taught you to read, gave you the confidence to learn more, made you feel smart and knowledgeable or was the one solid, caring adult in a child's life. The origins of Teacher Day are not too de-

fined. Around 1944 Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodbridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. Truly Woodbridge wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt who in 1953 persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day. It wasn't until March 1985, when National Education Association (NEA) and the National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week of May with the first Tuesday remaining as National Teacher's Day.

Teachers are true heroes in our communities, who through their dedication to children work millions of small miracles every day. Henry Brooks Adams, a historian and grandson of President John Quincy Adams once said that "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." We must never forget to thank our teachers for their service to our society and for creating a better, smarter and hopefully kinder future generation.

HONORING JERSEY CITY HUDSON CITY LIONS CLUB

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club in celebration of its 50th anniversary. The Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club (JCHCLC) celebrated with a 50th Anniversary Ball held on Saturday, May 1, 2004, at Puccini's Restaurant in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Since 1954, the Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club has fulfilled the motto of the International Lions Club of "We Serve," and has taken an active role in civic, cultural, and social events. With a membership of dedicated men and women, the JCHCLC has provided exceptional services for our community, promoting a better quality of life for the people it touches.

Working with local churches, hospitals, clinics, summer programs, shelters, and food banks, the Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club has given all its support in gathering necessary supplies and food to help those in need, taking tremendous pride in the positive difference it makes in the lives of the people in its community and around the world.

Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club is renowned for its sight-related programs. Working with St. Joseph's Home of the Blind, the JCHCLC has provided services, including guide dogs, walking canes, vocational training, summer camps, books on tape, spring barbecues and Christmas parties. They also provide vouchers for Lenscrafter, so that children, who would otherwise have no access, can purchase eyeglasses.

At the 50th Anniversary Ball, the Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club honored former JCHCLC President Frank Walsh (1973-1974), who was presented with the "Lion of the Year Award" for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service over the years to the JCHCLC.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the members and officers, past and present, of the Jersey City Hudson City Lions Club in recognition of their outstanding contributions and caring dedication to our community over the last 50 years.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST KENNETH
ALAN "KENNY" MELTON

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero. Specialist Kenneth Alan "Kenny" Melton was killed when the convoy he was riding in was hit by a roadside bomb and small fire by insurgents near Baghdad. Specialist Melton was 30 years old.

Specialist Melton joined the Army in 1992 and served in Iraq as a member of the Arkansas National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade. He was following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, who also served their country in the Army. His service is a testament to his dedication to the spirit of this nation and should be admired and respected.

Despite his notable dedication to his country, he was a husband and a father first. A son, a brother and a friend to the community, Specialist Melton was a very positive young man with an overwhelming sense of patriotism.

We can ask nothing greater from a human being than to anonymously fight to help people they may have never met. To die for the freedom of others may not carry with it an adequate expression to illustrate the debt it generates. Specialist Melton has the respect of those whose lives he touched, and, now, grieving family and friends who I offer my deepest sympathies.

Specialist Melton will be remembered for his honor, his mettle, his bravery and his commitment to his family, his God and his country. On behalf of the Congress, I extend my utmost respect for a fine American, a loving father, husband and son, and the perfect model of a patriot.

RECOGNIZING CLAY/PLATTE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the members of the Clay/Platte Development Corporation who are meeting today to celebrate the past years' successes. They represent the kind of community leadership that is necessary for strong and thriving communities.

Established in 1982, in conjunction with the Clay County EDC, its mission is to provide economic development assistance to businesses in Platte and Clay counties. By proactively seeking businesses and providing them with much needed capital, the Clay/Platte Development Corporation is a cornerstone for business growth in the Northland.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending both the past and present members of the Clay/Platte Development Corporation. Their contributions to the people of Missouri's Sixth District are important and commendable.

RECOGNIZING BENEFITS AND IM-
PORTANCE OF SCHOOL-BASED
MUSIC EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Concurrent Resolution 408, which congratulates the University of Denver for winning the 2004 NCAA Men's Hockey championship. DU's national title, its first since 1969, came against the top-ranked Maine Black Bears, in a nail-biter that stunned the collegiate hockey world.

The championship game on Saturday, April 10, 2004 was college hockey at its best. I watched as the Pioneers took an early lead with a goal by Gabe Gauthier in the first period. The rest of the game was a scoreless defensive struggle. Hockey fans from the Rocky Mountains to the New England coast held their breath during the excruciating final two minutes of the game. In a sequence only fitting for the nationally televised season finale, Maine secured a Power Play while trailing Denver 1-0 when the Pioneers were assessed with two penalties, giving the Black Bears a two-man advantage. In the final minute of play, Maine pulled its goaltender to add another attacker, putting Denver at a 6-3 disadvantage. The clock slowly ticked down to zero, and DU emerged victorious, led by an extraordinary 24-save performance by goaltender Adam Berkhoel, who was named the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player. His shutout was only the third in the history of the championship game.

It was a great way to end the season for the seven seniors on the Pioneer team. The class of 2004 won more games at the University of Denver than any since the 1973 graduating seniors. Head Coach Geoge Gwozdecky is to be congratulated as well. He is the only person to ever win NCAA titles as a player, assistant coach, and head coach.

The Denver Post noted that the championship game between the University of Denver and the University of Maine was amazing because "they proved that two mid-sized universities can excel in one of the country's mainstay sports." This year's champion Pioneers added a sixth hockey championship to the university's fine athletic record, which includes a record 17 Division I ski team championships, and two titles for the women's gymnastic program. Not only does the University of Denver excel in athletics, it is a prestigious academic institution as well. U.S. News and World Report recently ranked three DU graduate programs among the country's best.

The championship is especially poignant, because the University of Denver hockey program tragically lost one of its most famed alumni just before Christmas last year. Keith Magnuson, the captain of the last DU team to capture the national title 35 years ago, was killed in a car accident just four months ago. Still active with the University, Magnuson regularly attended hockey games, gave locker room speeches to the team, and even played in the school's homecoming game this season. Following his death, the team dedicated the season to his memory, but no one could have imagined the success the team has enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, I was proud to sponsor this bill, which congratulates the University of Denver 2004 championship hockey team. I am happy to report that the entire Colorado congressional delegation cosponsored H. Con. Res. 408. I also wish to congratulate the Maine Black Bears for an excellent season, and a hard fought championship game. I look forward to a victory celebration for the Pioneers at the U.S. Capitol. I thank the Speaker for bringing this bill to the floor and urge my colleagues to support me in congratulating the University of Denver.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
ARTHUR NAPARSTEK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Professor Arthur Naparstek—devoted family man, caring professor, friend and mentor, and internationally known visionary in the area of urban development.

The son of Polish immigrants, Professor Naparstek was born and raised in New York City. He graduated with a master's degree in social work from New York University, and a doctorate from Brandeis University's Florence Heiler School of Advanced Studies in Social Welfare Administration. Professor Naparstek's professional commitment to economic and social justice began in the early sixties, when he worked as the assistant to Richard G. Hatcher, the first African American mayor of Gary, Indiana. Later, Professor Naparstek joined the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs in Washington, DC, and worked closely with Congress to create legislation focused on empowering our most vulnerable citizens—our poor.

As professor and Dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Sciences, Mr. Naparstek taught by example and served as an inspiration and mentor to countless students and instructors throughout his tenure. His acclaimed urban redevelopment projects and individual empowerment programs were sought by the administrations of President Carter and President Clinton. As director of the Cleveland Foundation's Commission on Poverty during the early 1990's, Professor Naparstek was instrumental in creating the redevelopment plan for several of Cleveland's most fragile neighborhoods. Because of his vision and heart, the shroud of decline has been lifted from our neighborhoods, illuminating the promise of restoration and possibility along many of our city streets.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Professor Arthur C. Naparstek—an exceptional man, visionary, and leader whose life reflected accomplishment, caring and concern for others. I offer my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Belleruth; his beloved children, Keila, Aaron, and Abe; and to his extended family and friends. His brilliant and flawless legacy—both personally and professionally will be remembered forever by family, friends and colleagues. Professor Naparstek's vision, heart and leadership will forever serve as a beacon of promise and hope throughout our community, and far beyond.