

Kemp's expertise. She has been awarded the "Kansas City Spirit Award," the Department of Labor's "The Distinguished Career Service Award," the YWCA Heart of Gold Award, and the 100 Most Influential Black Citizens in the Greater Kansas City Area in 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, and 1998. Ms. Kemp's service has benefited all women and been an asset for our community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting this courageous, innovative, and inspiring individual, Rose Kemp, as she accepts the first ever "Rose Kemp Public Service Award."

HONORING EIGHT NORTHWEST
INDIANA EDUCATORS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I commend eight dedicated teachers from Northwest Indiana who have been voted outstanding educators by their peers for the 1999–2000 school year. These individuals, Debra Ciocchina, Douglas DeLaughter, Brenda Greene, Dennis Keithley, Martin Kessler, Marilyn Qualls, Martiann Recktenwall and Sharron Thornton, will be presented the Crystal Apple Award at a reception sponsored by the Indiana State Teachers Association. This glorious event will take place at the Broadmoor Country Club in Merrillville, Indiana, on Wednesday, May 3, 2000.

Debra Ciocchina, from Crown Point Community School Corporation, has taught for 30 years. Currently, she teaches at Crown Point High School, where she has been the assistant director of the Crown Point High School Theater for five years. She also coaches the Crown Point High School Dance Team. As a freelance director, choreographer and performer for community theaters and schools, she has written and produced various original productions. Debra not only finds interesting ways to help her English and Speech classes learn important concepts, she also makes her students enjoy learning. Her charismatic personality transfers enthusiasm for her subject area to her students. She embraces the idea that each of us must find an individual passion and be true to one's convictions.

Douglas DeLaughter is described by his peers as an outstandingly professional and dedicated teacher. He has taught for 17 years, and is current working within the School Town of Munster. Doug has dedicated himself to understanding and displaying the aspects of being a professional in the field of education. His enthusiasm and love for education is truly contagious, for Doug inspires those around him to strive for excellence. Doug's commitment and love for children and their education has been seen in the number of hours he devotes to his job, the number of committees he has taken a leadership role in, and the programs he has instituted.

Brenda Greene has been a role model, inspiration and a coach during her 22 years of teaching. She currently teaches Speech and English in the North Newton School Corporation. Her commitment to students is obvious. As a professional educator, Brenda works closely with her students during and after school, ensuring that they do their best. Her

colleagues know her as a dedicated teacher because she puts so much time into coaching the speech team, serving as a Building Representative, and fighting for the improvement of education.

Dennis Keithley teaches Language Arts at Lowell Middle School and has been a teacher within the Tri-Creek School Corporation for 31 years. Dennis graduated from Lowell High School and returned to teach in Lowell where his family has lived for many years. Dennis is a true champion of his students. He attends sporting events, music programs, drama productions, and graduation exercises in support of the students. Not only does Dennis care about his students, he also cares about his co-workers. Dennis has worked tirelessly for the Tri-Creek Teachers Organization by serving as its co-president for the last eight years. Additionally, he has served on the negotiating team, the high school air quality committee, the retirement benefits committee, the finance committee, and the teacher's evaluation committee. Dennis' dedication to the profession of teaching is exemplary.

Martin Kessler teaches math in the School Town of Highland. He has been a dedicated teacher to all of his students for the past 31 years. His sense of humor and teaching style has withstood the test of time. He is an entertainer as much as an educator and the kids love it! Martin makes learning math fun even for students who have had difficulty in the past. Through his caring attitude, Martin exhibits a great deal of thoughtfulness towards both student and teachers. He is involved in the local Indiana Teacher's Association and always supports his fellow teachers with action, not just words.

Marilyn Qualls from the Lake Central School Corporation always puts kids first. Throughout her career as an elementary teacher she has made personal sacrifices of time and effort to make sure each child in her classroom succeeds. Additionally, as a Building Representative, member of the District Council, and part of the bargaining team, she has always represented the teachers to the best of her ability. Marilyn is a continuous source of enthusiasm for her students and others as well.

For the past 20 years, Martiann Recktenwall has been an asset to the Hanover Community School Corporation. She creates interesting and innovative lessons that inspire her students to reach their fullest potential. Martiann inspires creative thought and promotes higher level thinking skills in all of her lessons. Her colleagues know her as a dedicated teacher since she puts so much time into developing special projects for her students. For Martiann, working extra hours or creating new teaching strategies to help her students achieve is not unusual.

Sharron Thornton from Lake Central School Corporation is truly a devoted educator. Throughout her 25 years career at Peifer Elementary School, she has trained numerous student teachers. Her guidance is very important because of her methods of dealing with children and academics. She strives to be approachable and communicates well with administrators, fellow teachers, students and parents. Her special inner core of education-related beliefs and opinions are well received and respected.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding educators on their receipt of

the 1999–2000 Crystal Apple Award. The years of hard work they have put forth in shaping the minds and futures of Northwest Indiana's young people is a true inspiration to us all.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF CARTERSVILLE,
GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, this year, Cartersville, Georgia celebrates its 150th anniversary. The beautiful city of Cartersville is nestled in the foothills of the North Georgia mountains in Bartow County, about 45 minutes north of Atlanta. The low rolling mountains, green forest and waters of the Etowah River and Lake Allatoona help to create one of the most picturesque communities in the state of Georgia.

More impressive even than its geography, is the tremendous spirit of community involvement that is obvious to visitors and long-time residents alike. To visitors accustomed to the hustle and bustle of big city life a few miles away, Cartersville and its surrounding area provide a welcome change of scenery, peace and attitude.

The Cartersville we know and love today exists because of its citizens, past and present, who have shaped its development for the past 15 decades. Before the War Between the States, Cartersville and the surrounding area was characterized by a predominantly agrarian community, along with substantial iron mining and railroad interests. Unfortunately, like many other communities in the South, Cartersville and the surrounding county of Bartow, were devastated by the war and its immediate aftermath.

However, unlike some other areas, the people of Cartersville were quick to adapt to changing conditions, and managed to fashion an economically powerful community; coupling mining and farming with a thriving industrial base. Opportunities abounded for the business climate, largely because of the work ethic of its people, and its excellent schools.

Over the decades, Cartersville and Bartow County have continued to be a magnet for top-notch businesses; such as Shaw Carpets, Goodyear Tires, Phoenix Air, Dellinger Management, Emory-Cartersville Medical Center, Glad Trash Bags, and Anheuser-Bush, to name a few. Businesses have found Cartersville to be an ideal community in which to locate. Tourism is also a major component of the local economy, and of special interest are Lake Allatoona and the Etowah Indian Mounds; evidence that Native Americans once lived and thrived in this area.

Numerous leaders in American life, outside of the business sphere, have ties to Cartersville. In addition to giving America congressmen and military leaders, Cartersville has given Georgia former Governor Joe Frank Harris and current Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Benham. In sports, baseball and horse racing, greats trace their origin to Cartersville. Finally, in the literary field, world War I correspondent Corra Harris, and humor columnist Bill Arp counted Cartersville as their home.