

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 Adydan, 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. Kirsir 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 to. 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.