

group of men in Lee Baker's Drug Store. Weeks later, 21 men formed the club in S.D. Wooten's Grocery Store. Now, the club has more than 100 members and meets in Lions Memorial Building.

The Lions may be best known for their outstanding work in providing vision services to the needy. When Helen Keller addressed the Lions Club's 1925 International Convention, she called upon them to become "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness." The Lions answered that call. Today, more than 46,000 clubs worldwide are dedicated to providing vision screening in schools as well as eyeglasses and surgery to those in need.

Lions also are committed to building parks and working with youth in their communities. The Woodbury Lions have built Lions Field and a walking trail to provide residents with more opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of Cannon County. In addition, the Lions work closely with organizations such as Boy Scouts and 4-H. They also have introduced Lioness and Leo Clubs at local schools to instill the value of service to our future leaders.

Woodbury is a better place because of the wonderful work of the Woodbury Lions Club. I commend the Lions for all they do, and I congratulate them on 70 years of service.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF SHERRI HARRIS STOKES,
MILLER JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER
OF THE YEAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Sherri Harris Stokes, Miller Junior High Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Stokes has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Texas A&M University. She is certified in kindergarten, mathematics, and gifted and talented education. She has taught mathematics at Miller Junior High for 6 years, and is already producing excellent results.

Mrs. Stokes knows that math can be intimidating for many students, and works constantly in her classroom to make mathematics more accessible, and to help her students build confidence in the subject. She constantly challenges her students and encourages them to try new things, an approach she learned from the mentors who were important in her own development.

She has been heavily involved in helping students grow outside her classroom, as well. She has served for 3 years as the Math Department Chair, 4 years as a National Junior Honors Society Sponsor, and 1 year as a Student Council Sponsor. She strives to make a personal connection with students, continuing to check on their progress as they move forward into high school.

Teachers of math are enormously important for getting our children ready for the jobs of the 21st century, and Mrs. Stokes has worked unfailingly toward that goal. Her commitment to education and to her students is laudable, and I am proud to have had the chance to recognize her here today.