

"Erev Aviva"—Night of Aviva for her dedication and inspiration during her lengthy and truly iconic career. The community-wide celebration will be an opportunity for us to thank Cantor Aviva and express appreciation for the contributions she has made to Temple Israel and the Los Angeles Jewish community at large.

Cantor Aviva is only the second full-time Cantor to have served Temple Israel in its 82-year history. In fact, she was the first full-time Cantor to serve in the Los Angeles area. Throughout her tenure, she has become part of the fabric of the Temple community.

She has a lively, warm and colorful presence. Her vibrant spirit and love for tradition is infectious; her voice has inspired many congregants over the years. Cantor Aviva has touched Temple Israel at its core as she led hundreds of children through their Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and taught countless adults to chant and sing Jewish prayers.

She is known for continually updating and expanding Temple Israel's musical liturgy with jazz services and songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino. Cantor Aviva has premiered new works by contemporary Jewish composers in concert settings, and is comfortable with a whole host of musical genres, including classical, opera and folk.

Our community owes Cantor Aviva a debt of gratitude for her tremendous record of accomplishments at Temple Israel of Hollywood. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending thanks for her outstanding and inspired contributions these past 32 years. Please also join me in wishing her all the best in her capacity as Cantor Emeritus and in all future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF FOR THE
LOVE OF THE LAKE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. PETE SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize For the Love of the Lake, a local community land and water conservation organization that is very dear to my heart.

White Rock Lake Park resulted from the need for a larger water supply for the growing population in Dallas during the late 1890s. Since it became a city park on December 13, 1929, White Rock Lake Park has always held a special place in the hearts of all Dallasites. Historically, it was known as the "people's playground" and is now referred to as the "Jewel of Dallas."

What initially began as an interest in keeping White Rock Lake Park clean and beautiful quickly evolved into a conservation organization with hundreds of dedicated and energetic volunteers. Since its founding in 1995, For the Love of the Lake has helped enhance the lake and park with various hands-on activities such as picking up litter and recyclables with their Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Up events and Adopt-A-Shoreline groups. Now led by President Steve Tompkins, For the Love of the Lake is reconstructing of a hike and bike trail, building a new bridge reminiscent of one built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and expanding the Celebration Tree Grove. On April

11, 2008, Good Fulton & Farrell Architects will receive the Volunteer Group of the Year Award as the group leader of an Adopt-A-Shoreline group. In the past year, they have demonstrated their outstanding commitment in community service and financial contributions. Their first month with For the Love of the Lake was January 2007 and despite the bitter cold weather, they showed with a positive attitude and a giving heart. It is individuals like these that keep our communities strong and White Rock Lake Park beautiful. I am proud to be one of the many volunteers associated with this group.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing For the Love of the Lake for their contributions to White Rock Lake Park and the City of Dallas and in congratulating Good Fulton & Farrell on being named the Volunteer Group of the Year.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKOTA
SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WEST
CHESTER AND LIBERTY TOWNSHIP,
OHIO

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize my hometown school system, the Lakota School District in West Chester and Liberty Township, Ohio, on its 50th Anniversary.

From the humble beginnings as the Liberty-Union School District in 1957 with an enrollment of just 1,700 students it would have been hard to predict the extraordinary growth and success of the district. Today the Lakota School District covers nearly 70 square miles, two townships, eight postal zones and nearly 100,000 people. It is home to two high schools, a freshman school, four junior schools, ten elementary schools, four early childhood schools and more than 18,000 students.

Even with the growth from a small rural district into the seventh largest district in Ohio the success of Lakota schools has not been impeded. The Lakota School District is the largest district in Ohio to receive an "Excellent" rating for six consecutive years. In 2006-2007 the district met 29 of 30 state indicators, graduated more than 96 percent of its students and saw 90 percent of high school student's matriculate to college all while per pupil spending stayed well below the state average.

But facts and figures only tell part of the story. It is fitting that this fine school district bears the word "Lakota," a Native American word meaning unity and togetherness. Throughout the years the achievements of Lakota schools have been driven by the dedication and commitment of the entire Lakota community. Together, through a unified vision, the administrators, teachers, parents, students and citizens have made the Lakota School District a pillar of education and a foundation for community growth. Each and every person who has attended, taught, worked or simply lived in the district has played a role in its success.

I'm proud to represent the Lakota School District in our nation's Capitol. I'm proud my children attended Lakota schools, and I'm

proud of what has been achieved and what I know will be achieved. I congratulate the Lakota School District on a spectacular fifty years and I know another extraordinary fifty are still to come.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW DANIELS,
SENIOR AT FAYETTE COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL IN FAYETTEVILLE,
GEORGIA

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young man from Fayetteville in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District who has excelled in the classroom and on the playing field.

For more than 17 years, the National Alliance of African American Athletes has honored young men who exemplify the best in sports and education.

This year, the top honor, called the Franklin D. Watkins Award, will go to a constituent of mine, Matthew Daniels, a senior at Fayette County High School.

Considered one of the best defensive backs in the country, Matthew has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. He is a member of the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and other worthy community groups.

"This remarkable young man is unquestionably a premier scholar-athlete in a time when very few kids in the country can barely stay academically eligible," said a spokesperson for the National Association of African American Athletes. "Matthew lends inspiration to a younger generation that it is possible to achieve perfection in sports and in the classroom."

Matthew will represent Fayette County High proudly next year as an alumnus when he enrolls at Duke University on a full athletic scholarship.

"Among all my achievements and honors in high school, this award is the most memorable I must say," Matthew said after receiving the award earlier this year at the InterContinental Hotel in Century City, Calif. "This is the only award that acknowledges me for both my academic and athletic achievements."

Winners of the award are highly encouraged to use their time and talent to give back to the less fortunate in their communities.

"On the field, I want to work to become a freshman All-American next season." Daniels told a reporter. "Off the field, I want to leave a path so others know it can be done."

On behalf of everyone in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District, I want to congratulate Matthew Daniels on this prestigious award. We're proud that he's part of our community.

5TH ANNUAL MAYORAL SALUTE
TO VETERANS

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Annual Mayoral