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ZELDA MARTIN COZEAN

LECTURE SERIES

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Guest Lecturer

U.S. Senator John Ashcroft

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November 24, 1997

Mineral Area College

Community Center

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2:30 p.m.

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# SENATOR JOHN ASHCROFT

JOHN ASHCROFT of Missouri was elected to the United States Senate in 1994, winning 60 percent of the vote and carrying every county in the state. Prior to his election to the Senate, he served Missourians as their governor for two terms, winning reelection in 1988 by 64 percent, the largest percentage of any Missouri governor since the Civil War.

As governor and senator, Ashcroft has given high priority to economic growth and restraint in spending and taxation. He balanced eight consecutive budgets as governor. *Financial World* and *City and State* magazines credited Ashcroft with making Missouri one of the best financially managed states in the country. *Fortune* magazine rated him one of the top ten education governors.

In the Senate, Ashcroft has taken a leading role on key issues. In the 105th Congress, he is a principal sponsor of three of the "Top Ten" legislative priorities: new scheduling flexibility for workers striving to meet the needs of job and family; comprehensive action against violent juvenile crime; and reform of the civil justice system, by updating laws on product liability.

Ashcroft is the author of the landmark Charitable Choice provision of the new welfare reform law. This innovation allows states to work directly with charities and faith-based organizations to move people from dependence to work. He has authored other significant changes to federal law, including discipline and record-keeping reforms that strengthen the ability of schools to deal with dangerous or disruptive students; a ban on the use of federal funds for assisted suicide; and lawsuit protection for people who volunteer in their communities.

He also is the sponsor of major legislation to enact broad-based middle class tax relief, by making payroll taxes deductible, thus ending an unfair double tax on work. A strong proponent of term limits, Ashcroft's determined efforts secured the first Senate vote on term limits in 50 years.

Ashcroft presently serves on three Senate committees, Judiciary; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Foreign Relations. He is the chairman of subcommittees on the Constitution, consumer affairs, and Africa, respectively.

Ashcroft also is widely recognized for his innovative use of technology and the Internet. He conducted the first ever congressional on-line petition for an issue before Congress (term limits), and has taught students in Missouri and across the country about using the Internet and on-line information as a tool of citizenship.

Ashcroft also has served as Missouri auditor and attorney general. Prior to entering public service, Ashcroft taught business law at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

Ashcroft was born on May 9, 1942. He attended public schools in Springfield, Missouri, and graduated with honors from Yale University in 1964. He met his wife, Janet, at the University of Chicago Law School where they each received law degrees in 1967, and later coauthored two college textbooks. They have three children, Martha Patterson, Jay, and Andrew.

In addition to his public service, Ashcroft enjoys singing and song writing. He is the baritone voice of the Singing Senators quartet with Senators Trent Lott, Larry Craig, and James Jeffords.

# ZELDA MARTIN COZEAN

## LECTURE SERIES

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is a memorial tribute to Zelda Martin Cozean, a long-time resident of the Mineral Area. Mrs. Cozean strongly advocated the need for education and community service. The lecture series is sponsored by the Cozean family members: Dr. Charles H. Cozean, Jr. of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Dr. Jon Cozean of Farmington, Missouri; Dr. Mary Cozean Alexander of Tallahassee, Florida; Nancy Jacob Cozean of Poughkeepsie, New York; Robin Cozean of Neosho, Missouri; and Jodie Cozean Styron of Branson, Missouri.

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is designed to bring prominent lecturers to the Mineral Area College campus and to provide a platform for social, political, and economic debate.

## PROGRAM

- Welcome ..... **Harold E. Turner**  
President, Mineral Area College Foundation
- Opening Remarks ..... **Senator Peter Kinder**  
Missouri Senator District 27
- Guest Lecturer ..... **U.S. Senator John Ashcroft**  
United States Senate

Reception immediately following in the Mineral Area College Board Room.

# SENATOR PETER KINDER

## DISTRICT 27

PETER KINDER was elected to the Missouri Senate in 1992. He currently sits on five Senatorial Committees (Appropriations, Commerce and Environment, Education, Financial and Governmental Operations, and Judiciary), four Joint Committees, the Commission on Local Government, Commission on Judicial Resources and Missouri Health Facilities Review Board. Kinder also serves on the interim committee on telecommunications and energy. In 1996, he was named chair of the Education Task Force of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a Washington, D.C. — based association of state regulations.

Born and raised in Cape Girardeau, Kinder attended Cape Girardeau Public Schools; Southeast Missouri State University; and University of Missouri-Columbia. He graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas in 1979, and was

admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1980. Also in 1980, Kinder managed Bill Emerson's first campaign for Congress. After serving three years with Congressman Emerson, he worked for Drury Industries as a staff attorney and real estate representative. In 1987, Kinder became Associate Publisher of the Southeast Missourian newspaper, a position he currently holds.

Kinder's involvement in the community is evidenced by his membership in the LaCroix Methodist Church, Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, Missouri Farm Bureau, Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, and the Lion's Club. He is actively involved in many civic causes including extensive work with the Southeast Missouri Port Authority, United Way, the Nature Conservancy, the American Cancer Society, and the Boys Scouts of America.