

she often led tours through the House for school groups. Betty Lou loved working at the Heritage House because it reminded her of her happy childhood in Portland and the house that she was born in, which still stands today in a historical neighborhood. Betty Lou also served as a docent for the Art Alliance at Cal State Fullerton, leading groups of high school students through the art galleries.

Upon her retirement Betty Lou devoted even more time to her volunteer efforts. She kept a daily calendar by her telephone to keep track of all her activities. As her calendar shows, being involved in up to four separate activities in one day was not unusual. At the time of her death, she was an active member in 9 major organizations, including the California Retired Teachers Association; PEO; Continuing Learning Experience at Cal State; Delta Kappa Gamma; charter member of AAUW. In all these groups Betty Lou served as President and helped out in any way she was needed, from serving as an officer to serving on the clean-up committee. In short, Betty Lou was a truly dedicated volunteer.

Betty Lou had many varied interests from her decorated egg collection featured in an exhibit at the library, to bridge, to reading and traveling to learn about different cultures. Betty Lou was stylish and hats were one of her trademarks. At St. Andrew's church where she was a member for over 50 years, she was affectionately referred to as the "hat lady." She organized and worked in the parish Clothes Closet from its inception in 1986 distributing clothes to the homeless.

Some of the essence of Betty Lou can be understood from her own words in 1998. Thararat Charconsontichai, a graduate student at Cal State who extensively interviewed Betty Lou for "The Life Story of Elizabeth Louise Stevenson," said, "Optimism, or the belief that whatever happens will be good, is the essential theme she employed in explaining herself and her life to me." Betty Lou put it this way: "I am an optimist even when I face troubles. I was disappointed that my marriage did not work. That was difficult for me. But I never looked at the bad side. I am basically not a down person. Of course I have disappointments; we all have those. But I always look for something that helps. Nowadays it is not easy to live without an education, especially for women. Women should develop skills to help themselves if such a thing as divorce happens." Betty Lou's career as a teacher and lifelong volunteer for groups with educational missions, underscored her commitment to seeing ideal realized.

At the memorial service, the eulogy was delivered by Father Mark Shier, Rector of St. Andrews. Most fittingly, at the conclusion the audience rose and gave a standing ovation for the life of Betty Lou Stevenson—a life from which we can all gain inspiration.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations in Betty Lou's name be made to Fullerton Arboretum or CLE.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS.
ERIS L. RUDMAN

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Eris L. Rudman and the preserved prairie named in her memory located in Frankfort, Illinois.

Forty-five years ago, Mrs. Rudman made Frankfort, Illinois her home. She had just

served our country in the Korean War as 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nursing Corps and received combat decoration while serving in an evacuation hospital. Upon arriving in Frankfort, Mrs. Rudman actively developed and maintained the village's first park long before it was acquired officially by the park district. She also indulged in gardening and the people of Frankfort can still appreciate her toils by strolling down Nebraska and Locust streets and gazing at the crab apple trees she and volunteers had planted years ago.

Her community spirit did not end with the environment. Mrs. Rudman served on the Frankfort Planning Commission for sixteen years. She also played an integral role in the publishing and editing of the Frankfort News, a weekly community newspaper, for twenty-three years. In 1984, Mrs. Rudman was named Frankfort's first Citizen of the Year. She was also Grand Marshall of the Frankfort Fall Festival Parade in 1994. Sadly, Frankfort lost this civic minded patriot three years ago in 1996.

The Eris L. Rudman Prairie in nearly four acres of land located south of the Frankfort Public Library parking lot. It was recently planted with a variety of spring and fall blooming flowers. There are 3,100 plants in all which have been complimented with six different kinds of grasses.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is fitting and appropriate to honor the life of Mrs. Eris L. Rudman, the years of her community building activity, and the prairie which bares her name.

HONORING STUART A.
VANMEVEREN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only to extend congratulations to a national figure, but also to tell you how proud I am this honoree hails from, and lives in, my home town of Fort Collins, Colorado. Mr. Stuart A. VanMeveren, the District Attorney who has served Larimer County for twenty-seven years, has been elected the new president of the National District Attorneys' Association (NDAA).

This organization is the largest national professional organization specifically serving the needs of prosecutors in the United States. NDAA is truly a national organization which represents the interests of prosecutors not only from major metropolitan areas, but rural communities like those found in Larimer County.

I have known Stu for fifteen years, but now I'm looking forward to working more closely with him as he directs the NDAA testifying before congressional committees, working with the U.S. Department of Justice, and other federal agencies on matters of public policy affecting the safety of America's communities.

The National District Attorneys Association is going into its fiftieth year of service. I cannot think of a more qualified individual to lead NDAA into the twenty-first century. Stu VanMeveren truly embodies the mission statement of NDAA which is "To be the voice of America's prosecutors and to support their efforts to protect the rights and safety of the people."

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN ALEXANDER
J. SABOL ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL RESERVE

HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Alexander J. Sabol for his distinguished career and retirement from the United States Naval Reserve.

Captain Alexander J. Sabol was born in Stuebenville, OH, on December 14, 1952. He was raised in the steel town of Weirton, WV, and graduated from Weir Senior High School in 1970. In December 1974, he graduated from West Liberty State College, WV, with a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a speciality in marketing.

Captain Sabol entered the Navy through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program at Pensacola, FL, in August 1974 and was commissioned an ensign on April 1975. He was assigned to training squadrons VT-1, VT-2, HT-8, and HT-18 at NAS Whiting Field, FL, from March 1975 to July 1976 and earned his wings and was designated a naval aviator in July 1976.

Captain Sabol served his first tour as a T-28B/C instructor pilot and ground safety officer from August 1976 to September 1978. In September 1984, he transferred to HM-12, NAS Norfolk, VA, as a pilot under instruction to qualify in the RH-53D. Sea Scallion helicopter to conduct missions in Airborne Mine Countermeasures. From April 1979 through February 1981, he served his first Fleet tour with HM-16, NAS Norfolk, VA performing duties as communications officer and avionics/weapons officer. He then transferred to shore duty in February 1981 to HM-12, NAS Norfolk, VA, and served as a RH-53D instructor pilot, assistant operations officer, RH-53D NATOPS officer, RH-53D model manager, COMNAVAIRLANT RH-53D NATOPS evaluator, and assistant maintenance officer until October 1985. He also served in a temporary duty status as the HM class desk to COMHETACWING ONE, NAS Norfolk, VA, from April 1984 until November 1984.

Captain Sabol joined the Naval Reserve and was selected for the Training and Administration of the Reserves Program in October 1985 where he was assigned to the Naval Air Reserve Norfolk, VA, as the HM program manager and the naval air coordinator for the establishment of HM-18. In September 1986, he was assigned to HM-18 as operations officer, security officer, and RH-53D NATOPS officer. He then transferred to COMHETACWING, NAS North Island, CA as the first HM class desk, COMNAVAIRESFOR RH-53D NATOPS evaluator, and the Naval Air Reserve coordinator for the establishment of HM-19 from November 1987 to June 1989. He then was assigned as the officer-in-charge of HM-18, Norfolk, VA, from June 1989 to July 1991. From July 1991 to December 1993, he served as the executive officer and later as the commanding officer of HM-19, NAS Alameda, CA. He then attended the Naval War College, Newport, RI, from December 1993 until March 1995 and received a master of arts degree in national security and strategy and policy.

He then received orders to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, Director of Naval

Reserves in the Pentagon, Washington, DC, from March 1987 to November 1996 serving as the Manpower Branch head and then later as the Director, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Mobilization. In November 1996, he was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs in the Materiel and Facilities Deputate as the Director of Materiel.

Among his awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal with one star, Navy Commendation Medal with one star, Navy Achievement Medal, navy Unit Commendation with one star, Meritorious Unit Commendation with two stars, Battle "E" ribbon with two "E"s, Navy Expeditionary Medal with one star, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one star, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hour Glass. He was appointed to the rank of captain on 01 August 1996.

Captain Sabol resides in Centerville, VA, with his wife Anne, also of Weirton, WV, and their two children, Bryon (19) and Alexis (16).

BICENTENNIAL OF RAVENNA, OHIO

HON. TOM SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, 1999 is a special year for Ravenna, Ohio. In 1799, on the cusp of a new century, Benjamin Tappan became the first settler of what is now Ravenna, in Portage County. The bicentennial of that humble beginning is being celebrated and commemorated throughout the year.

In many ways, Benjamin Tappan demonstrated in one person the diverse talents that have been so instrumental in America's growth. And, in much the same way, the story of Ravenna is the story of America.

Benjamin Tappan apprenticed as a copper-plate printer and engraver and studied portrait painting under Gilbert Stuart. He practiced law, served in the World War of 1812, and served in public life as a state senator, judge, canal commissioner, and U.S. Senator. He was, by all accounts, an independent thinker, an opponent of slavery, and a man of immense talents and principle. In short, an American archetype.

Just as Benjamin Tappan's life was characteristic of the early settlers of the wilderness that was Ohio, Ravenna's history is one of growth, adaptation, pride, and hard work.

In the 1820's, Ravenna benefitted from construction of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal, popularly known as "The Cross Cut," running from Akron to the Ohio River.

As technology and transportation changed, so did Ravenna. Beginning in the 1850's, the railroads arrived, gradually supplanting the canals. In the years following the Civil War, assisted by the railroads, Ravenna emerged as a manufacturing center. From glassworks to coaches, from woolen mills to cereal mills, and from foundries to rubber, Ravenna has made the tools that built America, the fabric that clothed America, the cereal that fed America, and the balloons that brightened America.

Today, access to both rail and highway transportation has helped Ravenna to attract and maintain industry, even as the region and the nation changed.

It could be said, Mr. Speaker, that there is nothing very special in any of this. Many towns, cities, and regions have changed as the nation and the economy have changed. But it is this apparent familiarity that makes Ravenna special—a community able to maintain its sense of self, its pride of achievement, celebrating its past while looking to the future. Like Benjamin Tappan, as American archetype.

The calendar of events marking this bicentennial is remarkable for its breadth, variety, and sense of fun. Two hundred trees have been planted to mark Ravenna's 200th birthday. There have been presentations of local history, workshops on making memory scrapbooks, a horse show, proclamations, and a golf outing. Still to come are a concert, a parade, fireworks, an art show, a raffle, trolley tours, and the 21st annual "Balloon-A-Fair," a continuing celebration of Ravenna's pride in its lighter-than-air heritage. In short, even as Ravenna celebrates, it cheerfully demonstrates the adage that "it's great to visit the past, but you don't have to live there to enjoy it." The past and the future share a home in Ravenna, Ohio.

At 200, Ravenna has a full, rich heritage, and on the cusp of another new century, the promise of even better things to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICORPS YOUTH PRIDE PROGRAM

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devoted men and women of the AmeriCorps Youth Pride Program. Youth Pride Program volunteers tutor and mentor 250 low-income youth to help ensure academic achievement in Florida City, Florida. It is both an honor and a privilege for me to pay tribute to such a noble effort.

In addition to helping these students with their academics, the Youth Pride Program provides after-school activities to approximately 350 students. With a 90% decrease in school suspensions and detentions among those served, the success rate of this after school program has been outstanding.

The Youth Pride Program is part of AmeriCorps, a national network of hundreds of community service groups throughout the United States. When President Clinton created AmeriCorps, he spoke about the virtue of service to the community. Like many Americans, I strongly believe that volunteerism provides extensive benefits to volunteer, recipients, and the community at large.

Throughout our nation's history, we have relied on the dedication and action of our citizens to tackle the biggest challenges. I am pleased to say that the AmeriCorps Youth Pride Program adds to this revered tradition. I wish to congratulate the entire staff and volunteer network of the Youth Pride Program on a job well done. This is truly an achievement of which the entire South Florida community can be proud.

COMMENDING ADAM JONES FOR HIS SERVICE AS A REPUBLICAN PAGE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Adam Jones on the completion of his service as a Republican page in the House of Representatives.

During his tenure in the nation's capital, Adam proved himself to be a reliable and tireless worker. His work ethic and attention to detail helped ensure that the trains ran on time in the House of Representatives, and he will surely be missed by the individuals he worked closely with over the last year.

Adam is an outstanding young man and an excellent student. He has compiled a grade point average of 3.79 at Northville High School, where he has assumed numerous leadership positions. In addition, Adam has volunteered his time to work on several political campaigns in Oakland and Wayne Counties and has been active in his church.

I am honored that I had the opportunity to nominate Adam for the Republican page program. He capitalized on this wonderful opportunity to work and learn in our nation's capital and enhanced his understanding of politics and the legislative process.

I have the utmost confidence that Adam will continue to achieve success in the endeavors he pursues, and I wish him the very best during his senior year at Northville High.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen airline delay enroute to Washington, I was not present to vote on rollcall vote No. 335, the Hoeffel amendment to H.R. 1074. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment. I was also unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 336 on passage of H.R. 1074. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this recorded vote.

CONGRATULATING PAT CAMPANILE'S STUDENTS AT SHADY LANE ELEMENTARY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a great day, on which 30 sixth grade students from the Shady Lane Elementary School reached all of the appropriate levels on their Terra Nova test. Ms. Pat Campanile's sixth grade class is an outstanding group of young people. I wish the best of luck to the following group of sixth graders who shared this special day with me at the Shady Lane School: Courtney Callahan, Nicholas Battee, Jaimie Beeker, Destiny Bingham,