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IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WILSON STERRETT

HON. IKE SKELTON
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that William Wilson Sterrett, of Independence, Missouri, passed away on June 20, 1999.

Born June 15, 1909, in Slater, Missouri, Mr. Sterrett was the son of the late Joseph B. and Elizabeth Galdwell Sterrett. He married Rachel W. Finch on December 19, 1936, in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Sterrett was a 1926 graduate of Slater High School and a 1930 graduate of Missouri Valley College in Marshall. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia for two years and graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1935. He served as Deputy Circuit Clerk of Saline County from 1932–1934. He passed the Bar in December 1934 and practiced law in Saline County for 53 years at Sterrett Law Office. He was secretary to Congressman William Wilson Nelson in Washington, D.C., from 1934–40. He was a member, with the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., for two years, the War Transport Command for two years. He returned to Slater in 1946 where he served as city attorney from 1946–1981.

Mr. Sterrett was active in the community. He served as chairman of the Saline County Red Cross and on the Slater Public School board from 1948–52. He was a member, deacon, trustee, elder and Sunday school teacher at the Slater Presbyterian Church. He was president of the Saline County Bar Association from 1983–91 and vice president from 1991–93. He was a longtime member of the Slater Rotary club where he was a past president and the club’s first Paul Harris Fellow in 1995. He was a United States Army/Air Corps veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion Post #78 in Slater. He was a Boy Scout Counselor since 1950 and received the Missouri Valley College Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1996. He served on the board of directors at the State Bank of Slater for 53 years.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife, Rachel; his two sons, Joseph and James; and his three grandchildren.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE BETTY LOU STEVENSON

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of Betty Lou Stevenson by submitting the following article from the Fullerton Observer, honoring her “life of inspiration”, for the RECORD.

From the Fullerton Observer, Issue Number 32, July 1999

BETTY LOU STEVENSON—A LIFE OF INSPIRATION

“Service Above Self” best summarizes the extraordinary life of Betty Lou Stevenson. Over 300 community members attended her memorial at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Fullerton on June 7, 1999 to honor her enormous contributions and positive, energetic spirit. She was very proud of her Scottish heritage and a bagpiper performed at her memorial service. Those in attendance also learned some of the following about this remarkable lady.

Betty Lou was born in Portland, Oregon. Her father being a construction engineer, the family moved on average of once a year, meaning Betty Lou was perpetually the “new student” in school. She learned to “go with the flow” and be comfortable in almost any social situation. Betty Lou attended the University of Oregon from 1937–40, where she was a member of her Chi Omega sorority and of the Heads of Houses she was listed in Who’s Who in America Universities and Colleges.
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Elizabeth Louise Stevenson, said, "Optimism is the belief that whatever happens, in the end, 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 job 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—life from which we are inspired.

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

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**IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. ERI S. 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 graduated in 1957 from St. Mary’s College in Indiana, and she was 23 years old. She worked on the yearly Christmas program. Her tireless devotion to her students, school and fellow staff, earned her recognition from the board for "Distinguished Service to the Fullerton School District."

In 1972 Betty Lou became President of the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association (FETA). The only walkout in the history of the Fullerton School District occurred the following year. A key factor in the resolution of the negotiations impasse was her participation and leadership.

Volunteering was an essential part of Betty Lou’s life. She was a charter member and supporter of the Heritage House at the Fullerton Arboretum spending many a Sunday as a docent, sharing her love of Victorian history with visitors. During the week she often led tours through the Arboretum 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 calendar book by her bed 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 stylist and hats were one of her specialties. At St. Andrews 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 pastel and needlework classes, 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 Charconsonthichai, a graduate student at Cal State who extensively interviewed Betty Lou for "The Life Story of Betty Lou".

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**HON. BOB SCHAFER OF COLORADO IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, July 27, 1999**

Mr. SCHAFER. 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 testify 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."

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**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 specialty 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.