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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
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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.
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 1978, he was assigned to the Naval Air Reserve Command as the HM program manager, and the naval air officer-in-charge for the establishment of HM–18. In September 1986, he was assigned to HM–18 as operations officer, security officer, and RH–53D NANTOPS officer. He then transferred to COMHELTACWING 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 Command as the HM program manager, and the naval air officer-in-charge for the establishment of HM–18. In September 1986, he was assigned to HM–18 as operations officer, security officer, and RH–53D NANTOPS officer. He then transferred to COMHELTACWING, NAS North Island, CA as the first HM class desk, COMNAVAIRLANT RH–53D NANTOPS 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.

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 Deputy as the Director of Materiel.

Among his awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal with one star, Navy Commendation Medal 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 Navy 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).