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HON. BOB SCHAFFER
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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. Stu- art 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.”

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–16 at NAS Whiting Field, FL, from March 1975 to July 1976 and earned his wings and was designated a naval aviator in July 1976.

Elizabeth Louise Stevenson, said, “Optimism, even when I face troubles, I was dis- appointed 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 some- thing 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 hap- pens.” Betty Lou’s career as a teacher and lifelong volunteer for groups with edu- cational missions, underscored her commit- ment to seeing ideal realized.

At the memorial service, the eulogy was delivered by Father Mark Spier, Rector of St. Andrews. Most fittingly, at the conclu- sion the audience rose and gave a standing ovation for the life of Betty Lou Stevenson— in life from which she inspired.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers do- nations in Betty Lou’s name be made to Ful- lerton Arboretum or CLE.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. ERIE 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 Frank- fort, Illinois.

Forty-five years ago, Mrs. Rudman made Frankfort, Illinois her home. She had just joined the Volunteer Nurse 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 be- fore it was accepted legally by the park dis- trict. 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.

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 bloomi- ng 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 appro- priate to honor the life of Mrs. Eris L. Rudman, the years of her community building activity, and the prairie which bears her name.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HON. BARRY W. VANMEVEREN
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. VANMEVEREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Eris L. Rudman for her distinguished service. Mrs. Rudman served on the Frankfort Elementary Teachers Association (FETA). The only walkout in the history of the Fullerton School District occurred the year following her joining the association. 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 resolu- tion of the negotiations was the influence she had par- ticipation 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 Sun- day as a docent, sharing her love of Vic- torian history with visitors. During the week 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 calendar of her activities and kept track of all her activities. As her cal- endar shows, being involved in up to four separate activities in one day was not un- usual. At the time of her death, she was an active member in 9 major organizations, in- cluding the California Retired Teachers As- sociation; PEO; Continuing Learning Experi- ence 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. 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 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 1986. Thararat Charconsonthichai, a graduate stu- dent at Cal State who extensively inter- viewed Betty Lou for “The Life Story of