

American History. Shirley also completed graduate courses in Education at Boston University and Harvard University.

Shirley's heart was always with Lone Mountain and she continued her dedication to her alma mater, always being a shining example of her willingness to take on a tough job whenever needed. After Lone Mountain closed, official alumnae activities understandably waned and it became difficult to keep graduates and faculty in touch with one another. This became Shirley Connolly's challenge. She has worked hard to preserve this community, leading the Alumnae Association for many years and enabling students and their RSCJ teachers to continue or rekindle their Lone Mountain relationships.

Shirley began her own teaching career over 40 years ago at St. Joseph's School in Atherton. After 4 years at Lone Mountain and 3 years in the Religious Formation Program, Shirley was ready, willing and able to begin her career educating girls and young women. Her first teaching assignment was a classroom of 35 eighth-grade girls and boys. Shirley's warmth and wisdom were more than a match for the eighth graders, and this was the beginning of her long and tremendously successful relationship with St. Joseph's.

Shirley spent 2 years in what was then Menlo Park, and then moved to San Francisco where she served as a teacher, Dean of Students and Director of Studies at the Schools of the Sacred Heart there. After a brief stint in Newton, Massachusetts, Shirley joined the California Province of the Sacred Heart. This role gave her the opportunity to develop one of her greatest gifts, the ability to train teachers. Even today, she is highly regarded and remembered throughout the Sacred Heart community for this skill. One of her pupils described her as someone who had the common sense to sort through all the academic training and understand and pass on what young teachers really needed to know. After this stint with the Province, Shirley returned to Menlo Park in 1973, serving as Principal of the high school under Sister Nancy Morris until 1975.

In 1976, Shirley set off on a new path, joining the Catholic Telemedia Network in Menlo Park. She stayed with CTN until 2002, rising through several positions to become General Manager for her last 10 years there.

Shirley has a gift for combining crystal clarity and great wisdom with diplomacy, humility and kindness. She is the most generous, selfless person one could ever know. She is always available to assist whomever needs help, whenever they need it, without question, complaint, or regard to her own needs.

Shirley has been the best friend to the resident of Oakwood over the years, always dropping whatever she is doing to help with whatever needs to be done. She served as Chair of its Board of Directors for several years, and has recently accepted an invitation to return to this Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good woman, Shirley Connolly, as she is honored with the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal.

RECOGNIZING THE WEEDSPORT  
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Weedsport High School football team for their outstanding achievements and victory in the New York State Class D Championships.

The No. 1 ranked Weedsport Warriors finished their season undefeated, with an impressive 13-0 record. Setting another milestone, this is also the first state championship in school history to be awarded to any team sport.

Their 22-21 victory over the Tuckahoe Tigers was an amazing feat. After the Tuckahoe Tigers claimed the lead during the 4th quarter, the Warriors were able to narrow that lead on a heroic 83-yard kickoff return by senior Brad Bach. Trailing 21-20, the Warriors opted to attempt a crucial two-point conversion that would give them the lead, thanks to the speed and agility of junior quarterback Mike Coolbaugh. The Weedsport Warriors spent the remainder of the game maintaining an impregnable defense and refusing to buckle under the pressure of the determined Tuckahoe offense.

I commend the coaching staff and the players of the Weedsport Warriors for all of their training and dedication to the game. Congratulations; I am proud of all of you and your achievements.

The 2004 Weedsport High School football team members include: Roster: Brad Bach, Brandon Bach, Jeff Bibbens, Mike Bond, Robert Bradtke, Mike Case, Chris Chorny, Mike Coolbaugh, Mike Davis, Matt Drury, Matt Duby, Kerry Green, Brandon Magill, Mike Maltese, Ken McLoud, John Meitz, Troy Nelson, Tyler Nevidomsky, Jeff Whiting, Dave Roden, Ed Rooker, Jim Scarbrough, Adam Sweet, Jeff Whiting, Jeff Williams, and Ryan Wright. Coach: Calvin Mosher. Assistant Coaches: Tim Spingler, Jason Trousedale.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN  
DOOLEY OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with such an outstanding Member of Congress over the past eight years. I would like to congratulate him on his retirement from the United States House of Representatives at the close of the 108th Congress. Serving with him in Congress has been an honor, and I hope to maintain our friendship in the upcoming years.

Since coming to Congress in 1997, I have had the pleasure to work with CAL on numerous issues in addition to building and growing the influence of the New Democrat Coalition (NDC). If there is one word that best represents CAL, it is integrity. Upon my arrival in Washington, DC, I immediately turned to him as both a mentor and a friend. As founder and co-chair of the NDC, he was always a respected voice on critical issues.

The NDC, through CAL's leadership, transformed how the Democratic party worked in the late 1990s. Intent on modernizing both the Democratic party and the country, New Democrats support policies that expand economic growth and see that all Americans have the opportunity to benefit from that growth; ensure a fiscally responsible and efficient government; secure the homefront; and advance a robust foreign policy that includes trade, constructive U.S. leadership throughout the world, and a modern and strong military. As a testament of CAL's leadership, the Clinton Administration frequently sought allies in the NDC. The Clinton Administration turned to the NDC for the critical support of the coalition's major legislation initiatives such as welfare reform and trade with China.

CAL is a fourth-generation farmer and partner in his family farm, growing cotton, alfalfa and walnuts at his farm in California's San Joaquin Valley. Through his tenure in the House, CAL has concentrated heavily on Agriculture issues. During the last farm bill, I served on the Agriculture Committee and was able to see firsthand how knowledgeable he is when it comes to farm policy. I look forward to working with him again on the next farm bill in his new role as the President and CEO of National Food Processors Association (NFPA). The NFPA is extraordinarily lucky to get one of the top leaders in food policy today.

CAL, in addition to his other accomplishments, is a great student of the big issues facing our country today. As long as I have known him, he has always had a willingness to dive into new subject matters and learn them as quickly as possible.

I want to thank CAL for his leadership and his friendship. I wish him the best of luck on his new endeavors.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4818,  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, November 20, 2004*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I support the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act, but I would like to state my opposition to the Weldon refusal clause provision.

The Weldon provision would exempt health care companies from any federal, state or local government law that ensures women have access to reproductive health services, including information about abortion.

If passed, this provision would have many negative effects.

It would override federal Title X guidelines that ensure women receive full medical information. A fundamental principle of Title X, the national family planning program, ensures pregnant women who request information about all their medical options, including abortion, be given that information, including a referral upon patient request.

I am also concerned this bill does not include an increase in funding for Title X. Each year approximately 4.5 million low-income women and men receive basic health care through 4,600 clinics nationwide that receive Title X funds. This program reduces unintended pregnancies and makes abortion less