



Calvert County Republican Party

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Local Republicans Attend Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Induction

The Maryland Commission on Women celebrated distinguished Maryland women on March 21 in Annapolis. Four Calvert Countians were among those present to witness the induction of their friend and former Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey into Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. Calvert County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) Chairman Ella Ennis, Central Committee Member Judy MacWilliams, Associate Member Catherine Grasso and Della Stull proudly watched Ambassador Sauerbrey as she was honored.

Sauerbrey is a long-time friend to Calvert County and was a member of the House of Delegates for 16 years, eight serving as House Minority Leader. She ran twice for the office of Governor of Maryland. She was elected Republican National Committeewoman for Maryland in 1996, and in 2001, former President George W. Bush appointed Sauerbrey as Representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the UN with the status of Ambassador. She served until 2005. In 2006, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice asked Sauerbrey to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population. She is credited with helping Burmese refugees and recognized nationally for this humanitarian effort.

Sauerbrey currently co-chairs the Maryland Business for Responsive Government along with former Governor Marvin Mandel. Sauerbrey is a frequent guest in Calvert County where she has spoken at Lincoln Day Dinners and at several of the Republican Women's Clubs throughout the County.

CCRCC Chairman Ennis remarked, "We are very proud of Ambassador Sauerbrey and her achievements to help women around the world. She is an example of what one woman can do in today's world. We are honored to call her a friend to Calvert and to us."

The Maryland Commission for Women, created in 1965, advises government, advances solutions, and serves as a statewide resource to expand social, political, and economic opportunity for all women. In 1985 they established the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame to honor Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the State as well as being role models for future women leaders. Along with Sauerbrey, five other women were inducted: former Congresswoman Helen Bentley, Jean Cryor (deceased), Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes, Linda Shevitz, and Beatrice Tignor for their contributions to Maryland. More information may be found at www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org

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Picture: CCRCC Chairman Ella Ennis, Catherine Grasso, Ambassador Ellen Sauerbrey, Della Stull, Judy MacWilliams