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BODY:

Twenty-one women from Anne Arundel County have been included in the new book "Women of Achievement in Maryland History."

Initiated by former Maryland first lady Frances Hughes Glendening, the book chronicles the evolving roles and hard-won rights of women in the state.

Written by Carolyn B. Stegman and edited by Suzanne Nida Seibert, the book recounts women's history through the lives of 75 individuals selected from throughout the state.

The honored county women and their cateories of recognition include:

The late Mary Elizabeth Asplund, mental health, founder of the Bereavement Center, Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Linnell Bowen, community service, executive director of Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts.

Toni Braxton, music, Grammy Award-winning vocalist.

The late Zenith Jones Brown, literature, popular author of witty mysteries, who used the pseudonyms David Frome, Leslie Ford and Brenda Conrad.

The late Gladys Carr, journalism and community service, former garden columnist for several newspapers, reporter with The Capital and author.

The late Sarah Evelyn Carter, government, the first African-American female to serve on the County Council.

Christine Scott Davenport, education and community service, teacher, first African-American woman to be chairman of the county commission for women and founder of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Navy Rear Adm. Marsha Evans, military, first woman to command a U.S. naval base.

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The late Anne Catherine Green, business, public printer to the province of Maryland and printer of the Maryland Gazette.

The late Elizabeth Harris, religion, the first Quaker missionary in the 1600s who introduced Quakerism to America.

Marjorie S. Holt, government, former supervisor of elections in the county and U.S. representative for 14 years.

The late Phebe Jacobsen, history, archivist at Maryland State Archives for 31 years and author, who assisted Alex Haley in his research for "Roots."

Carol S. Parham, education, first woman African-American superintendent of county public schools.

Chief Judge Martha F. Raisin, law, first woman to be named to the seat at the District Court of Maryland.

The late Marion B. Satterthwaite, civil rights, active in League of Women Voters, who worked for passage of public accommodation laws.

Lorraine M. Sheehan, mental health, who served as president of Arc of Anne Arundel County as well as a state delegate and secretary of state.

Jane R. Snider, education, founder of the Summit School for children with learning disabilities.

Dr. Emily H. Wilson, medicine, a physician in the county since 1929, president of the Anne Arundel Medical Society and chief of staff at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

The late Margaret Catherine Wohlgemuth, public health, first director of community health nursing in the county Health Department.

The late Anne St. Clair Wright, historic preservation, founder, president and board chairman, Historic Annapolis Foundation.

The late Martha Wyatt, law, founder of the Women's Law Center of Anne Arundel County, chairman of the Maryland Commission for Women and first woman named to the District Court in Anne Arundel County.

Also included in the book is an essay by Elizabeth Edall, then age 15, of Edgewater, about her physician, the late Dr. Brigid Gray Leventhal, who saved her life.

The hardcover historical reference book is being distributed to public and private schools, libraries, religious institutions and private service organizations.

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