

## Jean Hamelin - Colony Farm Orchard

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House Commerce Committee members:

I am a daughter of the late Senator Robert Welborn. In 1975 and 1977, my father sought and received legislative approval to transfer two parcels of land to WMU. These parcels are known as the 274 acre Asylum Lake property and the 54 acre Colony Farm Orchard. These actions were in response to ecological concerns of the community over proposed development at that time. My father believed that these environmentally sensitive properties would be misused if they were allowed to fall into the hands of private interests. Additionally, my father felt that transferring these properties to WMU would prevent this. My father expected that WMU would be a faithful steward of these lands by preserving them as open space dedicated to the enjoyment of the citizens of Kalamazoo and surrounding communities.

Please remember my father as you deliberate the fate of the Colony Farm Orchard which he sought to preserve. Please keep current restrictions in place.

Thank you,  
Barbara J. Welborn