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To Women of Influence Award Committee:

When Ann Campbell makes a commitment she does not waver. **A case in point is her** commitment to the democratic process and the ideals of good government. It started in the 1970's when she worked with the League of Women Voters of Ames members on juvenile justice issues. She helped organize luncheon meetings which brought together the police department, a variety of agencies working with youth and the schools. These meeting, which facilitated communication and coordinated action, proved so useful that they still continue today.

Ann was a driving force in bringing together Iowa State University students, the university administration and the City of Ames to create a partnership that resulted in the creation of the Ames Transit System (CyRide). Today this system is one of the largest and best run bus systems in the state.

In 1985 Ann was elected to the Ames City council to represent a ward with a mixed constituency of ISU students living in residence halls, apartments and Greek homes, as well as single family home owners and campus town business people. Ann's approachability and willingness to listen, her consensus-building skills and her ability to gather information made her an effective council member for all of her 16 years of service.

During her years on the council she helped make many great things happen. The bus system she helped establish flourished and continues to do so to this day. The council on which she served developed the Historic Preservation District which not only saved many historic homes from demolition, but helped save a neighborhood from decay. Ames became the first city in the state to become "smoke free in public places". In addition, the city park system greatly expanded and land around an old quarry was transformed into Ada Haden Park, the crown jewel in the system.

After a two year break Ann was elected mayor of Ames. She is now serving her third term. Ann lives the slogan "Democracy is not a spectator sport". She is consistent in support of good ideas and ideals. Ann is truly a "Woman of Influence".

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