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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

TORRANCE, Calif., March 31, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate, one of the three largest independent publishers of microcomputer software products, today announced the appointment of Sanford Kaplan as a member of its board of directors.

A retired corporate executive, Kaplan currently serves as a consultant and director to various private and publicly-held companies, including Wickes Companies, Inc., Whittaker Corp., GAF Corp., Intel Corp., Daisy systems Corp. and Silicon systems, Inc.

Previously, Kaplan served as senior vice president and director at Xerox Corp. from 1969 to 1977. Prior to joining Xerox Corp., Kaplan was senior vice president and director at Scientific Data Systems, Inc. from 1966 to 1969.

"Ashton-Tate is very fortunate to add Sandy to its board of directors," said Edward M. Esber Jr., president and chief executive officer of Ashton-Tate. "His breadth of experience as a manager, consultant and director to high-technology companies will help him provide valuable guidance to Ashton-Tate's future growth," Esber added.

Kaplan received a bachelor of science degree from Ohio State University, where he also attended graduate school.