

served as the county's NAACP Education Chairperson.

Ms. Harris actively participates in many community organizations and is a member of New Jersey Education Association and the National Education Association.

Mr. President, Ms. Harris has shown extraordinary dedication to improving her community and clearly deserves recognition on the occasion of her retirement. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the faculty, staff, and students at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky.

First, I extend sincere thanks for the graciousness and hospitality shown during my visit to Lindsey Wilson College for the May 13, 2000 Commencement. It was an honor to address the faculty and graduating students at such a fine Kentucky institution, and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity.

Located on a southcentral Kentucky hilltop, Lindsey Wilson College is a four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church. It began in 1903, as a training school for Vanderbilt University, then became a two-year college in 1923, and started offering a four-year degree program in 1986. Lindsey Wilson's diverse student body is comprised of individuals from 89 Kentucky counties, 23 states, and 26 foreign countries.

Since its four-year degree program began, enrollment has grown a whopping 160 percent and they have expanded to offer 16 undergraduate degree programs and two master's programs. Over the last 13 years, several new buildings have been constructed, the budget has more than doubled, assets now total \$49 million, and Lindsey Wilson College's endowment is valued at more than \$28 million. Congratulations on these tremendous accomplishments.

I would like to recognize President William T. Luckey and Chancellor John B. Begley. Students, faculty, and staff at Lindsey Wilson are all fortunate to have such committed individuals serving the mission of the school and facilitating its growth.

Another name that is important to Lindsey Wilson is Ruby McKinney Roach. Ms. Roach grew up in Adair County, Kentucky, and is a proud Lindsey Wilson College Alumnus of 1954. From Lindsey Wilson, she went to Berea College and earned a Bachelor of Arts in home economics and a Master of Education at Western Kentucky University. After a brief time teaching in Barren County, Ms. Roach went home to Adair County and served as a teacher and guidance counselor for 30 years.

According to the many people touched by her kindness and generosity, Ruby Roach became deeply involved in the lives of her students. As

a home economics teacher, she had the opportunity to share her skills and knowledge with thousands of students over the years. As a guidance counselor, she had the unique experience of talking with students both about their educational and personal goals, and helped them develop a plan to accomplish those goals.

Ms. Roach has been an active member of the educational community outside her school as well, having held positions in the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Kentucky Counselors Association, the National Education Association, and Iota chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the honorary society of professional women educators.

Ruby Roach also served on numerous civic boards and organizations in the Adair community. She is a former member of the Columbia Women's Club and is an active member of Beulah Chapel. Ruby Roach has made her alma mater proud, and I commend her for what she has contributed to the College, the surrounding community, and to Kentucky.

In the same way, Lindsey Wilson College is an institution of which the Commonwealth of Kentucky can be proud. On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the Senate, congratulations Lindsey Wilson College, on your many achievements, and best wishes for continued success. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO WALTER AND RUTH MCCANN ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President it is a privilege to take this opportunity to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter McCann of Burlington, Massachusetts. On Saturday, June 10, they will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary of 50 years together. They have been proud residents of Burlington since 1959, successfully raising 7 children, 16 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

These two distinguished Americans have seen extraordinary advances in our state and our country in their lifetime. They are part of the great generation that saw the nation through the Depression and World War II, and their strong values give us all a deep and enduring sense of what it means to be an American.

Ruth Gertrude McCann is the youngest of eight sisters and one brother. She was born in her parents' home at 58 Warren Street in Arlington, Massachusetts on June 29, 1921, the beautiful daughter of Annie and Charles Dennen. Over the next three decades, "Ma" or "Mom" became an accomplished athlete and opera singer. She made a recording of her own, and gave a distinguished performance at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. There, she met and fell in love with Walter McCann, and they've had a wonderful marriage ever since. As she likes to say, "Walter, why did you lead me to the altar?" The answer is obvious to all.

In their neighborhood in Burlington, Ruth was every child's mom, especially when making jelly from the grapes picked on the hill behind her home, or ringing the metal triangle on the porch to call the children home each night for dinner. She loved her children's activities, and was often at Glee Club or Athletic Booster events, at bingo or bowling, or in the grandstand even on cold days at Pop Warner games. Her husband often traveled, and she became the "Little Birdie in the Window" who guided her family as it grew.

Joseph Walter McCann was born on January 21, 1920 in Lowell, Massachusetts in his family home, the second son of four children raised by Alma and William Francis McCann. An energetic young man, "JW" or "Walter" was an avid skier at Tuckerman's Ravine in New Hampshire each winter. He loved to "walk uphill in the snow" for the love of the sport with his cousin Jackie Stowell, his childhood best friend.

His wife and children have warm and vivid memories of his enormous trust and faith in the federal and state governments, whose actions were often eloquently and vigorously debated at the dinner table. His "stand up and be counted" philosophy of life was always challenging to those around him, and his quick wit entertained all who came to know him.

As a father, he would often take the family camping and nourish them with "Campers Delight" for dinner. Returning home from business trips, he was always well informed by the "Little Birdie in the Window" about his children's activities—and even about their mischievous behavior. His children were in awe that he knew so much. But most of all, each of his children and grandchildren will always remember listening to him read stories, especially at Christmas, and the loving phone calls made by Santa to each one of them every year.

Mr. President, on this special occasion, I congratulate Walter and Ruth McCann as they enjoy and celebrate their golden anniversary together. Their commitment to the principles and values of their marriage, their family, and their country deserve to be recognized and saluted. I wish them a very happy 50th wedding anniversary, and continuing wonderful times together in the years to come. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO COL. CRAIG F. BROTCHE

● Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Col. Craig F. Brotchie of the United States Special Operations Command who is retiring from the United States Air Force after 26 years of active duty. Colonel Brotchie is an exceptional leader, and has served this great country with honor and dignity. He understands leadership and selfless service. He is known for his dedication and integrity. Colonel Brotchie has tackled the tough issues that our Air Force and Special

Forces Units have had to face over the past three decades, and this wonderful American deserves tremendous praise and thanks from a nation he loves and for which he has given so much.

Colonel Brotchie was born January 27, 1952, in San Bernardino, California. In 1974, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Southern Utah State College, and earned distinguished graduate honors in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps prior to commissioning. He completed Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in 1978; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1983; and the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, in 1987. While at Fort Leavenworth, Colonel Brotchie earned a master's degree in human relations from Webster University.

Colonel Brotchie completed various operational, staff and command assignments in his career. He served as a personnel officer for the 777th Radar Squadron, Klamath Air Force Station, California; and in various personnel offices in the 1606th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, prior to entering the combat control career field. Since 1979, Colonel Brotchie served as officer in charge, Combat Control Team, 62nd Military Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Washington; Special Tactics Team Leader and Operations Officer, Detachment 1, Military Airlift Command Operation Staff, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and as the Combat Control Staff Officer, Joint Special Operations Command. In 1984, Colonel Brotchie took command of Detachment 2, 1723rd Combat Control Squadron, Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines. After Intermediate Service School, he took command of the 1723rd Combat Control Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida, and in 1989, became the commander of the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina. Upon completion of War College, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief, Special Operations Division, Directorate of Forces, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, D.C. In 1995, he returned to Hurlburt Field as Commander of the 720th Special Tactics Group.

Colonel Brotchie is a master parachutist, military free fall parachutist, combat diver, and air traffic controller. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

Colonel Brotchie shares his devotion to our Nation through military service with his wife, Col. Ann E. Dunwoody, who was recently selected for promotion and designated to command a major unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. They have two sons: Bryan and Scott.

It is with great pride and honor that I wish CRAIG and his family the best as he retires from the United States Air Force. He has set an inspiring example of dedication to the defense of freedom and to the protection of the basic liberties that the citizens of our country enjoy.●

#### TRUMBULL STUDENTS' SUCCESS IN COMPETITION

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the recent success of the students of Trumbull High School of Trumbull, Connecticut.

On May 6-8 these students competed in the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" national finals in Washington, D.C. This competition, administered by the Center for Civic Education, tests elementary, middle and high school students in their knowledge of the American constitutional government. In the finals, in which Trumbull High School matched wits against 50 other classes from across the country, students acted as constitutional experts and testified before a panel of judges in a congressional hearing.

The Trumbull class was taught by Peter Sullivan and included Rachel Bochinno, Alison Brand, Joanna Bruckman, Melissa Budahazy, Lindsey Cahill, Kelly Chapple, Andrew Conway, Jessica Cotter, Shannon Cusello, Jon Draskovic, Timothy Drummond, Michael Dusiewicz, Kim Ferguson, Kathryn Graf, Juli Griek, Amy Hatzis, Lauren Hellthaler, Christine Jelliffe, Dawn Liscinsky, James Lucia, John Manchisi, Saya Nagori, Ryan O'Neill, Julian Ross, Alison Schary, David Schub, Neerali Shah, Lauren Slade, Paul Strelka, Varun Vasudeva, and Robert Ward.

I am pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these outstanding students. The "We the People . . ." competition is the largest program testing knowledge of the Constitution in the United States, extending to over 26 million students across the country. Advancing to the national finals represents a significant achievement, and demonstrates an impressive interest in and understanding of the structure and processes of our constitutional government. Trumbull High School and all of Connecticut can take great pride in these students' success in a subject that is of fundamental importance to the vitality of our democracy.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN COOLIDGE

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, my home town of Shrewsbury, Vermont, can be a good way farther from Plymouth than it looks, at first glance, on a map. Though the towns' borders touch, Plymouth is on the east side of the Green Mountains in Windsor Country, Shrewsbury's in Rutland County high on the mountains' west side. In the winter the drive is about 25 miles,

though it shortens to seven in the summer, when the old CCC Road is open. But the two old Vermont mountain towns are, in reality, close in spirit, due in considerable part to the "Coolidge connection".

I thought about this last week on receiving the sad news of the death of John Coolidge, at 93, the son of President Calvin Coolidge. I had seldom been to The Notch without seeing John, and his greeting was always warm and I usually heard another fascinating story about his father, Calvin, or his mother, Grace. Though father and son shared reputations for being men of few words as Calvin's autobiography shows, he was capable of true eloquence, as was John. Read his introduction to the book "Your Son Calvin Coolidge", if you doubt it.

But as I was saying, the Coolidges helped make Plymouth and Shrewsbury close. Calvin's sister Abbie taught school in Northam, before her early death. Aurora Pierce, the long-time housekeeper at the Coolidge homestead was a product of Shrewsbury. Her cousin Marjorie Pierce, of Shrewsbury, recalls that John Coolidge often stopped by on his annual summer visit to Aurora's grave in the Northam Cemetery. Aurora lived at the homestead long after Calvin Coolidge's death and jealously guarded its historic contents. We owe much to her for preserving, virtually intact, the contents of the house. She was, in her own unique way, a preservationist. So, too, was John.

John once told me that his grandfather, Col. John Coolidge said that to keep the Notch looking as it was would be the best memorial to President Coolidge. The Notch today remains virtually as it was when Calvin Coolidge was president. John Coolidge, working closely with the State of Vermont and through the wonderful Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, which he and his wife Florence, were instrumental in founding, saw to that. It is comforting to know that a Vermonter like myself can always drop in on The Notch and see the Vermont of olden times, of open fields, farm homes, barns in good repair, all living on, and to know what a remarkable event in our nation's history happened in that remote setting—the 1923 homestead inaugural.

I was happy three years ago to be able to deliver a federal appropriation to the Coolidge Foundation and I know it is being well used, continuing the legacy of Calvin Coolidge, a legacy so well carried on by his son.

John Coolidge left many legacies. He nobly and eloquently bore the mantle of first son, which came so suddenly upon him with his father's early death. He had a successful career in business, including the restarting of the Cheese Factory at the Notch. Time and again through countless interviews he showed the world what a true Vermonter was all about. And he made sure that the world "let Plymouth be" as it was in his father's time.

John Coolidge had always lived in Plymouth from spring until after the