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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. Brotschie of the United States Special Operations Command who is retiring from the United States Air Force after 26 years of active duty. Colonel Brotschie 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 Brotschie 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 Brotschie 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 Brotschie earned a master's degree in human relations from Webster University.

Colonel Brotschie 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 Brotschie 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 Brotschie 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 Brotschie 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 Brotschie 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.●