

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

autumn leaves were gone. Then, two years ago, he came home to Plymouth Notch to live full time. One paper said he'd come home to die, but he really came home to live. He was proud that he spent his first two winters at The Notch and was added to the Plymouth checklist.

Now he will rest at the Notch Cemetery, besides his father and mother, his wife, his brother Calvin Jr., who died during the Coolidge presidency, and long generations of Coolidges. He will rest in a green and peaceful setting, in a valley he did so much to preserve. Vermont needs to forge on preserving its wondrous landscape, for it is too precious and rare to lose. John Coolidge knew that well and his beloved Notch will long serve as an example for coming generations of Vermonters, indeed, for all Americans.●

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA WIND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE FLYING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr President, I rise to recognize a recent achievement of the University of North Dakota's flying team. At the end of May, UND won the National Intercollegiate Flying Association national championship. This is the eleventh such title for our University.

This national championship team placed first in the flight and ground events by scoring 162 points in the 10 different events—32 points more than its closest competitor. Erich Hess won first place in Top Pilot honors and secured the Craig Morrison award by receiving the top combined scores in Computer Accuracy, Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation and Preflight. Brain Visocky received second place in Top Pilot honors and took first place honors in the Short Field Landing event. Ten other committed students at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences helped lead UND to its first place victory.

I commend Coach Al Skramstad and Assistant Coach Eric Brusven for their work in helping these students rigorously prepare for this annual event. Winning the national championship is a significant achievement that could not have been realized if it were not for an enormous commitment on the part of both the students and their instructors.

The University of North Dakota is located in Grand Forks, ND, and I'm honored to have graduated from this great university. The John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences has always played a significant role at the University as an international leader in collegiate and contract aviation education and training services. With more than 1,500 students, the School of Aerospace Science is the second largest college at UND.

And so today I salute the University of North Dakota and its extraordinary championship flying team.●

TRIBUTE TO FRED CAPPS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Fred Capps and to offer condolences to his wife, Cathy, and their two young children, John and Lydia.

Commonwealth's Attorney Fred Capps lost his life fighting for the people he represented each day in the courtroom. Kentucky Senate President David Williams, a longtime friend of Mr. Capps, said it best: "He died a hero, protecting his family. He was defending his home and his children, and he didn't go down easy." As a prosecutor for Adair, Casey, Cumberland and Monroe counties, Mr. Capps was devoted to bringing criminals to justice. He gave his time and energy to protect the victims who needed his help and, in the end, he gave his life for their sake as well. I have a tremendous amount of respect for the sacrifices Mr. Capps made, and I am deeply saddened that such a fine Kentuckian has been lost.

Since this tragedy occurred, people across the State of Kentucky have spoken out in fond remembrance of Mr. Capps. Many have spoken about his reputation as a skilled prosecutor, and about his genuine concern for finding justice for innocent victims. But Mr. Capps also is remembered for the many hours he served as a volunteer and coach for the Burkesville Little League, and for his example as a committed family man. He was a devoted husband and father, loyal friend, community leader, and gifted attorney.

At times such as this, I am reminded of the fragility of life and the importance of family. From all accounts, Mr. Capps understood and valued these things while he was alive and has left a legacy of excellence for his children to remember. Hopefully it will be a comfort to the family and friends Mr. Capps leaves behind to know that he was loved and admired by so many in his community and throughout the entire State. On behalf of myself and my colleagues, we offer our deepest condolences to his loved ones, and express our gratitude for all Mr. Capps contributed to the counties he served, the State of Kentucky, and to our great Nation.●

VALANOS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the couple behind one of the U.S. Senate's longstanding unofficial institutions—The Monocle on Capitol Hill. Connie and Helen Valanos opened The Monocle back in 1960 and served as impeccable hosts to generations of Senators, their staffs, friends and family. Now, their son, John, is carrying on that proud tradition. Peatsy and I will not be able to attend Connie and Helen's 50th wedding anniversary celebration. However, we send them our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for their many years of service to the Senate.●

STALL H.S. STUDENTS EXCEL IN COMPETITION

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a group of students from R.B. Stall High School in Charleston, S.C. who recently participated in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals in Washington, D.C. They tested their knowledge of American constitutional government against 50 other student groups from across the country in a familiar format to those of us in the Senate—a congressional hearing. During the simulated hearing, students testified as constitutional experts before a panel of judges. Nineteen students, led by their teacher Karen Cabe Gibson, represented Stall High School at the competition. They were: Prerna Bihari, Amy Boller, Philip Brooks, Michael Brown, Adam D'Alessandro, Chad Gleaton, Mario King, Morwen Mansfield, Sharon Martin, Jackie Mixon, Katie Mixon, Thang Nguyen, James Nick, C.J. Parks, Shirkerah Robinson, Tamiko Robinson, Johnathan Tufts, Paula Weinreich and Toni Wiser. I commend these students for their impressive performance in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program administered by the Center for Civic Education. Their interest in the foundation of our government is refreshing and will prepare them to become active, responsible citizens and community leaders.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ENTITLED "SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INDICATORS—2000"—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 112

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I am pleased to submit to the Congress a report of the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering indicators—2000." This report represents the fourteenth in a series examining key aspects of the status of American