

my two friends went to Korea," Evans explained.

He was stationed in England, but was able to travel around Europe during his service. Italy, where he toured ancient churches and saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa, was his favorite destination.

"I enjoyed their food and enjoyed the people," he remarked.

After medical school, Evans spent six years in surgical residency at three locations—Florida, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. He emerged a certified general surgeon with the American Board of Surgery, with whom he later became a diplomat.

The first operation Evans completed was an appendectomy at a hospital in West Virginia, and he recalls the butterflies that filled his stomach that day.

"I was doing an appendectomy. The main reason I was nervous, was that my wife was in the operating room as a nurse," he recalled.

His wife, Helen, continued to work as a nurse, helping support the couple while Meredith completed his residency. After finishing his training, he set up shop in Middlesboro, and felt fortunate to be able to return home.

"I really enjoy being with country people. I think we have the cream of the crop in the mountains," Evans declared.

Helen worked as a nurse in the practice until the couple started a family. They had five children, Marilyn, Deborah, Carobeth, Michelle, and Meredith II. Evans enjoyed fatherhood.

"I had four cheerleaders and a football player," he said. "I loved athletics. Of course, I was always interested in their scholastics. My children always did well in school, which made us happy."

The couple now has ten grandchildren and the family is always together for the holidays.

During his medical career, Meredith Evans witnessed tremendous changes in medicine. Post-graduate education was a consistent part of his career as technology and diagnostics advanced.

Evans says that diagnostic advancements changed the face of medicine, and that the invention of ultrasound machines, and laparoscopic and endoscopic surgery made it possible for doctors to save more lives than ever before.

Acquiring the ability to control circulation during surgery, he says, may be the biggest advantage in medicine.

"You have machines that breathe and act as a heart, pumping blood through the system while you're working on it," said Evans. "That's one of the biggest advances . . ."

For Evans though, who has always had an intense interest in medical ethics, spending time with patients to offer full explanations of procedures and conditions was also a vital part of the occupation.

"The doctor-patient relationship is the most important part of medicine," he asserted.

In addition to working as a doctor, Evans took on many roles in Middlesboro. He is the director of Community Trust Bank, previously Commercial Bank, a post he has held since 1962.

Evans served as the president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and later the Senior Chamber of Commerce.

The Junior Chamber, under Evans, passed a bond issue to provide the funding to build new schools in Middlesboro.

"It was a very difficult thing to do," Evans said. "People opposed the taxes that were necessary to do it."

In the early 1960s, the group confronted other city issues, including immunizing the town against polio and defeating a resolution

to eliminate the citizen-elected City Council in favor of an appointed commission.

Evans is a founding member of ROHO, an organization that worked toward improving the community, and is named after the song "The Cockfight" recorded by Archie Campbell in 1966.

The organization provides Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Bell, Lee and Claiborne counties. Last year, the group spent around \$30,000 on the program.

Additionally, Evans served for 12 years on the Middlesboro School Board, was a city councilman for 20 years and served as vice mayor.

Although Evans has retired from medicine, he continues to keep up with advancements in the field. He stays healthy and sharp with regular exercise and fresh produce from his garden.

He still hunts and fishes as he did as a child, but no longer brings home squirrel. He is enjoying retirement.

RECOGNIZING CENTRE COLLEGE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, in 1819, a group of citizens petitioned the Kentucky General Assembly for a charter to create a new liberal arts college. The result was Centre College—a remarkable institution named for its proximate location in the geographic center of the Commonwealth. So committed was the legislature to the success of this school that it placed some of the State's most important citizens in charge of its board of trustees. Kentucky's first Governor, Isaac Shelby, served as its chair, and Dr. Ephraim McDowell—a pioneer in abdominal surgical techniques whose statue is on permanent display here in the Capitol—also served on the board.

From this august beginning, Centre College matured into a nationally recognized educational institution that focuses its mission on the success of its students. As their motto indicates, every student can expect a personal education and extraordinary success. It is not surprising, then, that Centre alumni include two Vice Presidents, one Chief Justice and one Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, 13 U.S. Senators, 43 U.S. Representatives, 11 Governors—as well as 3 alumni currently serving on my staff. Indeed, Centre College has been a proving ground for generations of men and women whom have gone on to become leaders in a variety of fields.

More recently, under the steady hand of its president, Dr. John Roush, Centre College broke onto the national stage in 2000 when it hosted the Vice-Presidential debate between Dick Cheney and our colleague JOE LIEBERMAN of Connecticut.

When you consider the fact that it also holds a national record in annual alumni contributions, it is little wonder that Forbes magazine recently named Centre College as the top college in the South for a second year in a row. As the article begins, "If you're accepted to be a student at the best college in the South, you are guaranteed an internship, the opportunity to study abroad and graduation within

four years—or the school will pay for an additional year of tuition-free study."

So it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Centre College in Danville, KY.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the relevant portion of the Forbes article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

[From Forbes Magazine, Nov. 12, 2010]

THE BEST COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH

(By Jacquelyn Smith)

If you're accepted to be a student at the best college in the South, you are guaranteed an internship, the opportunity to study abroad and graduation within four years—or the school will pay for an additional year of tuition-free study.

The benefits of attending the best college in the South don't even stop when you receive your diploma. Within 10 months of graduation, 98% of the college's students, on average, are employed or engaged in advanced study. Upon graduating you become part of the nation's most loyal and generous group of alumni.

Located in the heart of Kentucky, Centre College has 1,197 undergraduate students and more than 100 faculty members, 98% of whom hold the highest degrees in their fields.

"My time at Centre has been highlighted by the professors and mentors who have guided me and the unique experiences I've taken part in," says Paul Adams, a 21-year-old senior from Chicago.

In the last decade alone, Centre produced 17 Fulbright scholars, five Goldwater scholars, two Rhodes scholars and a Truman scholar. Its alumni include two U.S. vice presidents, a chief justice of the United States, 13 U.S. senators and 43 U.S. representatives.

"The education is intense and challenging, but also supportive," says the college's communications director, Mike Norris. "We have students saying, 'I've found myself doing things at Centre that I would have never even aspired to do.' Our students achieve beyond what they ever thought possible."

More than 85 percent of Centre's students study abroad, and to emphasize its commitment to global citizenship, the college recently implemented a program that provides a free passport to all first-year students who don't already have one.

"Even though we're just a small college in Kentucky, Centre students are doing great things—studying abroad in Mexico, China, England, France, Spain, Vietnam, Israel, Africa, the Bahamas and many more places worldwide, taking on the challenges of society in our classrooms and across campus, and generally making a difference," says Elizabeth Trollinger, a 21-year-old senior from Kentucky. "Centre is a place where we are given countless chances to become active members of our society and community, and we know we'll be able to effectively use the knowledge and skills we acquire in our four years here, no matter what comes after Centre."

Over the last 25 years, Centre alumni have led the nation in loyalty, in terms of the percentage of graduates who make financial donations each year. "The entire Centre community seems to be knit together by two strands," Adams says, "a firm commitment to a meaningful education and an unwavering passion for Centre herself. And for the

past three years, I've found myself happily woven into her fabric."

Centre is also the 24th best college in America overall, according to Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity's ranking of America's Best Colleges, which was published in August. The list ranks U.S. undergraduate institutions by the quality of the education they provide, the experiences of their students, the amount of debt students graduate with and how much they achieve. To determine the best schools in the South, we narrowed that list according to the regional divisions used by the U.S. Census Bureau; that means schools in the South are located in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

REMEMBERING MRS. JAN CRASE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Jan Crase, who passed away on September 28, 2010, in Lexington, KY. As a resident of Somerset, KY, Jan was a prime example of a woman who gave back to her community. She valued education, faith and family, and was one of the hardest workers I have ever had the privilege of knowing. She attended Berea College for 3 years, and then transferred to the University of Louisville where she graduated with a degree in home economics. Even after leaving Berea College, she stayed connected to the college community throughout the years, serving on the Berea College Board of Trustees and the College President's Club. Jan was a caring friend who wanted college students to have the same positive experience she did in higher education. She helped raise millions of dollars for student scholarships, study-abroad programs, and computer funding at Berea College. As a member of Somerset's First Presbyterian Church, she saw a need to educate children not yet old enough to attend grade school, so she helped start the first preschool in Pulaski County in 1970. Since then, many families have benefited not only from the preschool but also from the youth groups and 4-H programs that Jan helped establish.

Starting youth programs and bringing the community together to raise money for a great cause were not the only things Jan excelled in; she was a determined entrepreneur and businesswoman. She had her hand in a variety of different careers, as a real-estate broker, an insurance agency owner, a home agent for Kentucky 4-H programs, as well as a dietician at Baptist Hospital in Louisville. Jan inspired everyone she came into contact with because of her positive outlook and determination in everything that she did. She was truly an upstanding woman, who spent much of her life giving her time and talents to better her community and our Commonwealth. There is no doubt the Commonwealth is poorer for her loss. My thoughts go out to her husband, James; her son, Karl; her two

daughters Kim and Katherine; and her four grandchildren. The Commonwealth Journal recently published an article about Jan and the legacy she left behind. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

SOMERSET.—Jan Crase, 72, of Somerset, Ky., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 in Lexington, Ky.

She was born in Summer Shade, Ky., on July 11, 1938, daughter of the late Seymour and Ruby Smith Hunley. She was a member of Somerset First Presbyterian Church. She attended Berea College and graduated from University of Louisville with a degree in Home Economics with emphasis in Dietetics.

Jan was the first female in Kentucky to pass Series I examination for the Member of Appraisal Institute designation. She became a licensed Real Estate Broker in Kentucky where she did appraisals and feasibility studies in 15 Kentucky counties. She owned and operated a Somerset insurance agency successfully for ten years.

She was a home agent with the University of Kentucky Extension Service where she worked in Louisville and Jefferson County with both 4-H and homemakers programs. She developed the first 4-H clubs in inner city schools in the nation. She was a chief therapeutic dietitian at Baptist Hospital in Louisville and instructor of dietetics and nutrition at Louisville Baptist School of Nursing.

She was previously a member with Berea College Board of Trustees, Berea College President's Club, Founder's Club, Kentucky Medical Association Education Committee as a non-physician member, former president of Kentucky Medical Association Alliance Board of Directors, chairman of Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum Advisory Board member, where she helped establish the museum, 5th District Steering Committee and also a member of local UNITE organization, lifetime member and former president of Lake Cumberland Performing Arts Advisory Board, former president of Pulaski County Medical Alliance, first president of Pulaski County Lincoln Club and member of Pulaski Republican Women's club.

Her prior civic activities include chairman of Berea College President's Council, Berea College Alumni Co-chairman for Alumni fundraising, Kentucky Medical Association Legislative Committee as a non-physician member, Kentucky GED Foundation chairman, Kentucky Foundation for Adult Education chairman, Southern Medical Association Auxiliary Medical Heritage Councilor for Kentucky, Master Musician Festival Board of Directors member, Pulaski County Extension Service Advisory Council member, Somerset/Pulaski County Economic Development Board member, Somerset/Pulaski County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board chairman, Somerset Community College Development Board member, started the first preschool in Pulaski County at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in 1970, Somerset Co-operative Preschool Board of Directors member for many years, Sunday School teacher at Somerset First Presbyterian Church for 12 years, Co-director of Somerset first Presbyterian Church youth group for many years, Somerset First Presbyterian Church Elder, United Way Board of Directors and Appropriations Committee chairman and PTA board member.

Special award Jan received were Kentucky Medical Association 2010 Layperson of the Year, 2005 Special Appreciation Award from

Kentucky Medical Association, Kentucky Commission of Women, an award for endeavors to promote, educate and advise women of the Commonwealth and Somerset Business and Profession Women's Club, "Woman of Achievement in Business."

She is survived by her husband, James D. Crase, M.D. of Somerset; one son, Karl (and Melissa) Crase of Richmond, Ky.; two daughters, Kim (and Joe) Claytor of Berea, Ky., and Katherine Crase of Tampa, Fla.; one brother, Jerry Hunley of Louisville, Ky.; and four grandchildren, Laura and Neil Claytor and Jonathon and Amelia Crase.

Visitation will be after 8 a.m. today at Somerset First Presbyterian Church.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. today, Oct. 1, at Somerset First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Allen Brimer officiating.

Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Somerset First Presbyterian Church Capital Fund or Berea College.

Pulaski Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SPECIALIST DALE J. KRIDLO

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and heroic service of Specialist Dale J. Kridlo. Specialist Kridlo, assigned to the 27th Engineer Battalion, based in Fort Bragg, NC, died on November 7, 2010, of injuries sustained when his dismounted patrol encountered small arms fire. Specialist Kridlo was serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. He was 33 years old.

A native of Pittston, PA, Specialist Kridlo graduated from Pittston Area High School. After managing his own painting business for several years, Specialist Kridlo enlisted in the Army and served a tour of duty in Afghanistan with decoration. He followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, both of whom served in the Armed Forces.

During almost 2 years of service, Specialist Kridlo distinguished himself through his courage, dedication to duty, and the high standards to which he held his fellow soldiers. Family members recall his overwhelming pride when he used to describe the accomplishments of his combat unit in Afghanistan. Commanders recognized Specialist Kridlo's extraordinary bravery and talent, promoting him one week before his passing.

Specialist Kridlo worked on the front lines of battle, serving in the most dangerous areas of Afghanistan. He is remembered by those who knew him as a consummate professional with an unending commitment to excellence. His family remembers him as a dedicated son, husband, and loving father to two young daughters. In his free time, Specialist Kridlo enjoyed fishing. He was also an avid Philadelphia sports fan.

Mark Twain once said, "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." Specialist Kridlo's service was in keeping with this sentiment—by selflessly putting country