

years of his life to helping those less fortunate than himself, Major W. Wheelock.

Among his many accomplishments, Major Wheelock has most recently served as the President/CEO of Crotched Mountain foundation in Greenfield, New Hampshire and has previously served as Executive Vice President/Treasurer of Franklin Pierce College. Major Wheelock retired in June of this year. As part of his tireless service to others, Major participates in the River Mead Retirement Community as a board member; the Yankee Publishing, Inc. as a board member; New Hampshire 2002 Health and Educational Facilities Authority as Board Vice Chair; and New Hampshire Hospital Association as a Board Vice Chair.

The service Major Wheelock has provided Crotched Mountain School was doubtless a devotion to those that receive an education there. Crotched Mountain School provides outstanding rehabilitative programs for students with disabilities in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. His duty and service are apparent through his love and devotion for the students at Crotched Mountain.

More than doing an exceptional job, Major Wheelock is to be commended for his service to such a worthy organization. A man of better character, I rarely meet. It is an honor and privilege representing Major Wheelock in the U.S. Senate.●

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF WILLIAM BATTERMAN RUGER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a dear friend William Ruger, one of the greatest gun designers and manufacturers in the nation.

Joining with Alexander McCormick Sturm in 1949 Ruger founded Sturm Ruger & Co., the largest firearms designer, manufacturer, and distributor in the United States. At the time Ruger's company produced more varieties of sport firearms than any other firm in the world. Turning out his first design in 1949, Ruger's pistol soon became one of America's favorite hand guns, still widely used by many gun owners today.

Ruger would soon design a light machine gun for the United States Army and would continue designing and patenting dozens of guns throughout the last 53 years. "Ruger was a true firearms genius who mastered the disciplines of inventing, designing, engineering, manufacturing and marketing better than anyone since Samuel Colt," said R.L. Wilson, a firearms historian and Ruger Biographer. "No one in the 20th century so clearly dominated the field or was so skilled at articulating the unique appeal of quality firearms for legitimate uses."

Recently as chairman emeritus Ruger oversaw the manufacturing of

high-quality rifles, shotguns, pistols, and revolvers that law enforcement and sporting enthusiasts have come to expect. Ruger kept a watchful eye on the company as it prospered, building manufacturing facilities in a number of New Hampshire's towns providing work for many.

I have found great friendship with Ruger throughout the last years of his life and continue to admire and cherish the friendship that I have with his family. He was not only a great husband and father but a great businessman, American patriot, and friend.

It was an honor representing William Ruger in the U.S. Senate and remains a distinct privilege in serving his family.●

#### THE MOUNT WASHINGTON HOTEL & RESORT CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF GRANDEUR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire's. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort on 100 years of New England splendor.

Located in New Hampshire's White Mountains, The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort emanates the elegance and style of a bygone era. Beginning as a dream of Joseph Strickney in 1902, this superlative of Spanish Renaissance architecture quickly became the place to hobnob with poets, presidents and princes. Serving the wealthiest of patrons, The Mount Washington was the vacation resort of choice, finding appeal by epicureans of the era.

The picturesque National Historic Landmark was once the meeting place for more than 44 nations as they discussed the creation of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in 1944. The formal signing of the Bretton Woods International Monetary Conference took place in the now historic Gold Room located off the Hotel Lobby.

Continuing the opulence and grandeur of the The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort was at the forefront as five entrepreneurs, Joel Bedor, Wayne Presby, Jere Eames, Robert Clement, and Bill Presby, rallied to purchase the property off the FDIC auction block in 1991. This would be the first time since Stickney that the property would be in the hands of New Hampshire owners.

One hundred years after the 250 master craftsmen began construction on the grand hotel of yesteryear, The Mount Washington Hotel & Resort carries on the timeless beauty and tradition of cordial service spanning the decades.

I recommend Joel Bedor, Wayne Presby, Jere Eames, Robert Clement, and Bill Presby on their commitment to preserving the glory and vintage of the early 1900's in The Mount Washington and for receiving the "Business of the Decade" award by Business New Hampshire Magazine.

It is truly an honor and privilege representing these fine men in the U.S. Senate.●

#### HONORING NEW HAMPSHIRE REVENUE COMMISSIONER STANLEY ARNOLD

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a colleague for his service to the citizens of New Hampshire, Mr. Stanley Arnold.

After 19 years of service to New Hampshire Stanley will be retiring in September 2002. His service as commissioner began in 1988 when appointed, by then Governor, John Sununu. Prior to becoming commissioner Stanley was an auditor in the Department of Revenue. Praised by Governor Jeanne Shaheen as, "Essential in difficult and complicated policy debates," . . . "Arnold has been a straight shooter through the five years that I have worked with him." Stanley has always strived to provide the best possible service to the people of the community.

Lauded as one of Governor Shaheen's most trusted advisers, Stanley increased use of technology and established a unit to focus on businesses not filing tax returns.

It is an honor to represent Mr. Stanley Arnold in the U.S. Senate.●

#### LAUD FOR DR. JOAN LEITZEL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding successes of a friend and colleague in the field of education, the President of the University of New Hampshire, Dr. Joan Leitzel.

As UNH's 17th President, Dr. Leitzel began her term by renovating buildings, adding a diverse program list and developing key buildings that provided needed space for classes and research. Thanks to Dr. Leitzel's work, the number of donors increased substantially to support the beloved University. Dr. Leitzel also increased enrollment for subsequent years.

A large portion of her success is attributed to her attention to the needs of New Hampshire's business by providing a quality professional workforce. By working with businesses in the area, Dr. Leitzel better prepares students for the competitive job market. Dr. Leitzel more than doubled research funding from \$43 million in 1996 to \$82 million in 2001 by making the research proposals more competitive. Greater funding from the state and forthcoming building projects help add to the University's prominence. It is so small accomplishment to steer a University to the level that has been reached under Dr. Leitzel.

I commend Dr. Joan Leitzel on receiving magna cum laude status for her leadership and for her many accomplishments that have put the University of New Hampshire on track to a successful future. I wish her all the happiness life can bring in her retirement.

It is an honor and privilege representing her in the U.S. Senate.●