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Senator Kay Hagan Honors Ken Tutterow as an *Angel in Adoption*TM To Be Recognized at National Event in Washington, DC

Greensboro, NC – September 16, 2009 – Senator Kay Hagan has selected Mr. Ken Tutterow as a 2009 *Angel in Adoption*TM for his outstanding advocacy of adoption and foster care issues. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), which orchestrates the *Angels in Adoption*TM program, will honor Mr. Tutterow, along with more than 190 Angels, at an awards ceremony and gala event in Washington, DC, September 30, 2009.

Mr. Tutterow is being honored for nearly 30 years of service to children in need of families through his work with Children's Home Society of North Carolina (CHS). Beginning as a foster parent in 1980, Mr. Tutterow served on the CHS board of trustees for several years before joining the staff as President and CEO in 1990.

The *Angels in Adoption*TM program is CCAI's signature public awareness campaign and provides an opportunity for all members of the U.S. Congress to honor the good work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of children in foster care and orphans in the United States and abroad.

“The Angels in Adoption program is unlike any other program in the Nation's Capitol. Because of it, over 1400 ‘Angels’ have come to share with Washington their adoption experience and left with a renewed excitement of all that adoption makes possible,” said Kathleen Strottman. “I learned one simple lesson from my time on the hill, knowledge is power. Angels in Adoption is meant to give Members of Congress the knowledge they need to use the power they have toward making the dream of a family a reality for every child.”

In addition to the more than 190 local angels from around the country, several National *Angels* will also be recognized at the ceremony and gala for their dedication and commitment nationally and internationally to child welfare on a grand scale. Former “National Angels” include First Lady Laura Bush, Patti LaBelle, Jane Seymour, Muhammad Ali, the late Dave Thomas, Steven Curtis Chapman, Bruce Willis, Alonzo Mourning, and Marcus Samuelsson.

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The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a 501(c)3 nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the tens of thousands of children in foster care in the United States and the millions of orphans around the world in need of permanent, safe, and loving homes through adoption. CCAI's goal is the elimination of the barriers that hinder these children from realizing their basic right of a family.

CCAI was created in 2001 by the active co-chairs of the bicameral, bipartisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA) to more effectively raise Congressional and public awareness about the issue of adoption.

*The Angels in Adoption*TM program was established in 1999 as a Congressional press conference to honor outstanding individuals. Since then, the program has developed into a yearlong public awareness campaign culminating in an extraordinary award Gala and celebration in Washington, D.C.

CCAI does not receive any government funding and they rely on the generous support of foundations, corporations, and individuals to accomplish their mission. For more information visit <http://www.ccaainstitute.org/>

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