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Bottomline Technologies is a Portsmouth-based firm that has become a global leader in business-to-business Internet-based transactional processing. The company was founded by Dan McGurl, recipient of the 1998 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the New Hampshire High Technology Council, and Jim Loomis 12 years ago.

Bottomline is the creator of the LaserCheck system which allows businesses to streamline the payment of paper checks. More than 5,500 client companies throughout the world utilize Bottomline's software solutions.

The company has earned recognition from Inc. Magazine being named as one of the fastest growing private companies. It was also named as one of the fastest high technology companies by Deloitte & Touche and Hale and Dorr.

Bottomline was recognized with the 2000 United Way Special Achievement Award for achieving 119 percent of its contribution goal that year.

Bottomline Technologies has been a leader in the high technology sector of the New Hampshire business community and a good neighbor to civic organizations. I commend them for their dedicated service to the citizens of New Hampshire. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Northeast Delta Dental of Concord, New Hampshire, for the honor of being named 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

Northeast Delta Dental, a New Hampshire-based company, is a leader in their industry for customer and community service. Teamwork is the key to the success of Northeast Delta Dental where employees strive to work together with shared responsibility and accountability. The values of the company are substantiated by the company's Guarantee of Service Excellence program which promises customers exceptional service.

Northeast Delta Dental is also committed to leadership and contribution within the local community. As a generous corporate neighbor they have made donations to programs such as: the New Hampshire Symphony Orchestra, a soccer field on-site for area youth, and grants to New Hampshire dental clinics which serve underprivileged citizens.

Northeast Delta Dental and CEO Thomas Raffio are an asset to the communities of New Hampshire. I commend them for their outstanding contribution to the citizens of our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND MARK HURLEY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Reverend Mark J. Hurley, the former bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Santa Rosa, California. Bishop Hurley passed away on Monday February 5, 2001, after undergoing surgery for an aneurysm. Mark Hurley was one of two priests born to a proud Irish Catholic family. His brother, Francis Hurley, is the Archbishop of Anchorage, Alaska.

I had the great fortune to make the acquaintance of Mark Hurley several years ago while traveling in California. He was a deeply religious man, as you would expect, and a very learned individual and the author of several books. He lectured about the tragedy of abortion and wrote extensively about medical and genetic research and individual privacy. But he will be remembered most of all for his extraordinary work as the bishop of the six-county North Coast diocese from 1969-1986.

Pope Paul VI appointed Mark Hurley second bishop of the Santa Rosa diocese in 1969. Prior to his appointment, he was a teacher and administrator for Catholic high schools in San Francisco, Marin and Oakland and served as vicar general of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He would become Santa Rosa's longest-serving bishop since the diocese was created. Most importantly, Bishop Hurley was credited with saving the diocese from financial ruin. When he took office the diocese was over \$12 million in debt, including \$7 million owed to parishes and other organizations within the diocese. By imposing strict spending limits, a building moratorium and other cutbacks he was able to orchestrate the financial recovery that was so desperately needed.

After his tenure, Pope John Paul II rewarded Reverend Hurley's efforts by transferring him to the Vatican where he was consular to the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education and a member of the Secretariat for Non-Believers. He returned to the United States and retired in San Francisco—the same city in which he was born on December 13, 1919.

He was acknowledged by many as an intellectual and a world leader on religious matters, but it was his successful tenure as bishop of Santa Rosa for which he will be remembered most. Santa Rosa's current bishop, Daniel Walsh, said of Mark Hurley, "I believe his most esteemed role and responsibility was that of Bishop of Santa Rosa. He labored here from November 1969 to April 1986. He made a great impact on the diocese and we are all beneficiaries of his ministry here."

Mr. President, with the death of Bishop Hurley the Lord has lost a dutiful servant, the Catholic faith has lost a pillar of virtue and our nation has lost a loving soul that quietly touched and improved the lives of many. Mr. President, I know I speak for all my colleagues in extending our condolences to his brother, Bishop Francis

Hurley, his sister Phyllis Porter of San Francisco and to the rest of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.●

TRIBUTE TO CONCORD HOSPITAL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Concord Hospital of Concord, New Hampshire, for the honor of being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

Concord Hospital serves the citizens of the local community with a state of the art technology facility and staff. The hospital is the only one in the Granite State to provide computers at patients' bedsides to permit charting of medical information and data and to track patient charges for supplies and medical procedures.

The Concord Hospital continues to keep abreast of the changing technologies within the industry by becoming the first cardiac catheterization laboratory in our state to use digital equipment for patient procedures. It also uses the only FDA approved computer-aided detection systems for breast cancer.

The Hospital has paid 132 of its employees to participate in community committees and projects. It has also provided cash donations to other organizations and has created a database of health and human service providers and services for New Hampshire Helpline information service.

The Concord Hospital is a good neighbor to the citizens of Concord and our state. I commend them for their dedication and service to the health care community in New Hampshire. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMON MAN FAMILY OF RESTAURANTS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Common Man Family of Restaurants of Ashland, Concord, Lincoln, Windham, Meredith and Tilton, New Hampshire, on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

The Common Man Family Restaurants and owner, Alex Ray, operate nine restaurants throughout the Granite State and employ more than 400 people. Alex was the recipient of the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Associations' "Restaurateur of the Year" in 1996.

The company is a strong supporter of community and national charitable organizations. For the past 10 years, The Common Man Family of Restaurants has donated more than \$300,000 to Easter Seals and was recognized nationally for organizing and hosting the most successful fund-raiser for the March of Dimes in New Hampshire, raising more than \$40,000. They also offer scholarships to Plymouth Regional High School students who are interested in pursuing a career in the culinary arts.

The Common Man Family of Restaurants also participated in the Smithsonian Folklife Festival by preparing traditional New Hampshire cuisine for over 50,000 people during the 10-day event. I personally had the opportunity to sample their delicious wares.

Alex Ray and The Common Man Family of Restaurants have been an asset to the citizens of New Hampshire. I commend them for their service and dedication to the people and communities of our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CONCORD COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Concord Community Music School of Concord, New Hampshire, for the honor of being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

New Hampshire's largest and oldest community music school, Concord Community Music School is celebrating its 17th anniversary this year. The primary mission of the school is to provide access to music for all people of New Hampshire while having the best resources available.

Concord Community Music School has touched the lives of many Granite State citizens. In 2000, over 43,000 people received 80,100 musical services thanks to the school. The school also provides weekly lessons and classes at the facility and provides performances at public events.

Concord Community Music School generously reaches out to area citizens with its Music in the Community Initiative. The program is a partnership with area schools, human service agencies and hospitals in New Hampshire which provides music and lessons to at-risk students, disabled people, senior citizens and pre-schoolers from low income families.

Concord Community Music School has been a dedicated and caring neighbor to the citizens of New Hampshire. I commend them for their contributions to the cultural, educational and economic communities of our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO NIXON PEABODY LLP

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Nixon Peabody LLP of Manchester, New Hampshire, for the honor of being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

The New Hampshire office of Nixon Peabody LLP was established in 1992, and is one of the top 50 law firms in the United States with 11 East Coast offices, including 20 in the Granite State.

The firm has been instrumental in New Hampshire's premier business deals and has established itself in our

state by assuming the role of a strong corporate citizen.

Active within the Manchester community, staff members from Nixon Peabody serve on several nonprofit boards including: Kevin Fitzgerald as president and chairman of the Manchester Community Music School's board, W. Scott O'Connell as vice president of the Farnum Center, and James Hood as chairman of New Hampshire's International Trade Advisory Committee.

Staff members and clients have also served the City of Manchester with charity and concern. Victims of a recent apartment house fire were provided with clothing and furniture by a client of the firm after a fire that left more than 50 people homeless.

I commend Nixon Peabody LLP for their contributions to both the business and civic communities in our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO BELKNAP LANDSCAPE COMPANY, INC.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Belknap Landscape Company, Inc. of Gilford, New Hampshire, on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

Belknap Landscape Company, Inc., has been owned for the past 13 years by Hayden McLaughlin, who is a member of several industry organizations and works to inform people about landscaping benefits. The company was the recipient of the Blue Chip Award, Leon Patterson Award for Landscape Excellence, and numerous national safety awards.

Belknap Landscape Company, Inc. has participated in many community events and outreach programs. The company was active in the development of the Kirkwood Gardens in 1995 and continues to sponsor the gardens and annual "Wildflower Day" which benefits the gardens and Science Center. They are involved in other community projects including: the Fires of the New Hampshire Music Festival, New Beginnings, the United Way, and the New Hampshire State Police Association.

They have donated materials and staff manpower to the Squam Lakes Association waterfront area. Hayden also makes annual contributions to the New Hampshire Horticulture Endowment Fund and he is a mentor in the Associated Landscape Contractors of America "One-on-One" Mentor program.

Belknap Landscape Company, Inc. and Hayden McLaughlin have been strong stewards of the environmental and business communities in New Hampshire. I commend them for the positive contributions they have made to the citizens of the Granite State. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TALARICO DEALERSHIPS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Talarico Dealerships of Manchester, Merrimack and Milford, New Hampshire, on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by Business NH Magazine.

The Talarico Dealerships and Stephen Talarico, president and CEO, conduct business by a company mission statement of providing quality service to customers with trained professional employees and "to remain supportive to our community and committed to the education of our youth."

The Talarico Dealerships recognize the importance of giving back to the community and have generously contributed to civic programs including the Manchester Riverwalk Development Project and Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce First Annual Golf Tournament.

The company was among the first automobile dealerships in the country to install custom designed, thermo-reactor stainless steel Devilbis spray booths at its Body Magic Auto Collision Center. Talarico Dealership was also the first dealership in the Granite State to have a service department managed completely by women.

Stephen Talarico was named Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year in 1999. His Merrimack Used Car Superstore became one of the top five used car volume dealerships in New Hampshire in 2000.

The Talarico Dealerships and Stephen Talarico have been good neighbors to the citizens of Manchester, Merrimack and Milford, New Hampshire. I commend them on their dedication and service to the communities of the Granite State. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment: