

bank holding companies as provided under the Federal Reserve's Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement, nor do I intend that the amendment apply to Federal Home Loan Banks. Likewise, I would like the record to reflect that the effective date for bank holding companies owned by foreign banking organizations that obtained an exemption from capital requirements pursuant to the Federal Reserve's Supervision and Regulation Letter SR-01-1 should be 5 years after enactment.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that this intent is properly reflected in the final language of this reform bill.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING REVEREND JESSE SCOTT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today with a sad heart, because on Monday, May 10, the city of Las Vegas and our Nation lost a voice for truth and justice. On that day, Reverend Jesse Scott passed away.

Reverend Jesse Scott committed many of his 90 years to creating a more just world. With a commanding voice he argued for basic principles of fairness that will reverberate long into the future. His perseverance inspired us all and we continue his legacy of building a community that sees all its members as equals.

Reverend Scott's career was devoted to social justice. As an organizer, president and executive director of the NAACP in California and Nevada, he brought communities together to create better living and working conditions for minority workers. Because of his dedication, Reverend Scott was later selected to be the executive director of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, where he served with dedication and distinction.

Until his death, Reverend Scott was assistant pastor at Second Baptist Church of Las Vegas and was the former pastor of Second Christian Church in Las Vegas. Even in his final days, he practiced his life's mission of social advocacy by working with Nevada's nonviolent ex-offenders and by

promoting education to help Nevada students go to college.

The U.S. Senate will also miss an opportunity to hear Reverend Scott's words of faith; he was scheduled to serve as the guest Chaplain and deliver the opening prayer on the Senate floor on Thursday, May 20.

Mr. President, Reverend Jesse Scott was a trailblazer for civil rights and a man of deep faith in God and humanity. My thoughts are with Reverend Scott's family during this difficult time.

Our State has lost a giant, but I am proud to have worked alongside such a great Nevadan.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of National Police Week to recognize the courage, bravery, and dedication of Arkansas's law enforcement officers, who risk their lives each day to keep our citizens safe.

In particular, I pay tribute to five fallen officers from our State whose names have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. The officers, their departments, and their dates of death are:

John A Bratton, Grant County Sheriff's Office, February 1, 1887

H.L. Smith, Grant County Sheriff's Office, February 1, 1887

Joseph Christopher Cannon, Plumerville Police Department, June 19, 2009

Larry Neal Blagg, Trumann Police Department, January 27, 2009

Henry Jorden Willeford, Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, November 16, 2009

Along with all Arkansans, I thank these officers for their service and sacrifice. It is a fitting tribute that the names of these officers have been etched on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL RICHARD R. PENNY

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that today I honor LCpl. Richard R. Penny from Greenland, AR, and pay tribute to his life and service to our country.

Lance Corporal Penny was a machine gunner assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In March of this year, he was deployed to Afghanistan's Helmand Province, an opium-producing region at the epicenter of the war on terror. He served with valor and distinction, earning numerous awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Lance Corporal Penny was an "all-American" man, an all-conference de-

fensive tackle for Greenland High School's football team, and voted "class favorite" by his peers. He loved to hunt and fish and drive backroads in his four-wheel-drive pickup he called "Skeeter." Those who knew him described him as "tough as nails," and said the word "quit" was not part of his vocabulary.

Greenland police officer Michael Huber perhaps best described Lance Corporal Penny's life and the impact he had on others when he said to a local TV station: "Here in our town, there are people we look up to. Richard Penny was one of those. He'll still be somebody we can look up to. Because he paid the ultimate sacrifice on the altar of freedom."

Today I join all Arkansans in lifting up Lance Corporal Penny's family, friends, and all those who loved him during these challenging times. We will never forget his courage, his honor, and the life he gave for our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN D. BIRD II

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, on May 24, 2010, Mountain Home Air Force Base, in my home State of Idaho, will bid farewell to COL John D. Bird, his wife Megan, and their children Blake and Cole. Colonel Bird has been the commander of the 366th Fighter Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base since February 11, 2009. Colonel Bird is a command pilot with more than 1,700 flight hours in the F-15C, T-37, and T-38. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Achievement Medal. Colonel Bird has given a lifetime of service to his country, to the benefit of us all.

The 366th Fighter Wing consists of over 4,800 United States and Republic of Singapore personnel, with 22 squadrons, comprised of a fleet of 86 F-15 aircraft, and under Colonel Bird's command, it excelled in its mission. He oversaw the deployment of 5,286 personnel and 1,507 tons of cargo to 18 different locations around the world, with his squadrons surpassing all theater commander objectives in each location. During Colonel Bird's time as commander, and due to his leadership, the Wing was recognized with 19 individual awards and 9 program awards at the Air Combat Command level and 10 awards at the Headquarters Air Force level. While under his command, the Mountain Home Air Force Base thrived. He oversaw the expansion and enhancement of the Mountain Home Range Complex, with new urban target construction and an increase in training airspace capacity; a family housing demolition project, 3 years ahead of

schedule, saving \$2.2 million; the construction of 300 new military family housing units; a temporary lodging facility; and a new main gate complex.

Colonel Bird's outstanding leadership abilities inspired excellence and achievement in others, and his comprehensive view of the wing's mission within the context of the broader mission of the Air Force and the U.S. military made him a particularly outstanding commander. My staff and I have enjoyed an extremely positive working relationship with Colonel Bird and his staff, which helps to ensure that Mountain Home AFB not only retains critical missions, but is considered for others as it possesses one of the top training ranges in the Nation and has the strong support of the local community and the State.

Colonel and Mrs. Bird have been exemplary representatives of the Air Force and good friends to Idaho. They will be greatly missed. On behalf of the State of Idaho, I wish them well as they move back to Washington, DC, where Colonel Bird will work as Chief of the Force Application Division at the Pentagon, and I thank them for their continued service to our Nation and for their time as gunfighters in the great State of Idaho.●

TRIBUTE TO B.M. "MACK" RANKIN, JR.

● Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, today I wish to speak about a dear friend whose contributions to the great State of Texas and our Nation are most notable.

B.M. Rankin, Jr., known by his friends as "Mack," is a pioneer in the oil and gas industry. More than three decades ago, Rankin and two partners, W.K. McWilliams, Jr. and James R. Moffett, founded McMoRan Exploration Co., an independent public company engaged in the exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and onshore in the gulf coast area. Today Rankin is the vice chairman of both McMoRan Exploration Co., NYSE, and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., NYSE, the world's third-largest copper deposit and the single largest gold deposit in the world.

Rankin's expertise and knowledge of America's energy resources, coupled with his leadership and vision for our country's energy needs, have transformed public policy in this area.

For the past 2 years, he has served as the chairman of the U.S. Oil and Gas Association. Under his guidance, the association has provided the industry with representation in legislative, regulatory and public affairs, and it serves as a resource on technical matters. Membership in the association represents all segments of the industry, including major oil and gas companies, independent oil and gas producers, refineries, natural gas and petroleum products transportation and distribution companies, natural gas generation

companies, and other firms and individuals involved in the industry.

Throughout his career Rankin has been a strong advocate for clarity and practicality in the ongoing debate to formulate a responsible national energy policy. Because of his steadfast efforts, the oil and gas industry plays a leading role in these policy debates and deliberations.

A native of Dallas, Rankin is an active member and generous benefactor of a number of local charitable foundations. He has served on the Board of Visitors of the University Cancer Foundation of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital Cancer Center and as chairman for the Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, CLL, Global Research Foundation.

On May 13, 2010, Rankin will step down as chairman of the U.S. Oil and Gas Association. On this special occasion I want not only to commend Rankin for his lifelong dedication to energy policy but also to thank him for his tremendous commitment to our State and country.●

GOVERNOR'S WORK-LIFE BALANCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate 17 Arkansas employers that were recently honored by the Arkansas Governor's office for providing resources to help their workers balance work and family life. As the mother of twin boys, and like every working parent, I find it can be a challenge to balance family life with my work responsibilities. I commend these Arkansas employers for providing resources that support employees in balancing the needs of both work and family.

The winners, based on number of employees, were:

LARGE COMPANIES

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Gold
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Silver
Ernst & Young, LLP, Rogers, Bronze
Fayetteville Public School District, Fayetteville, Bronze

MEDIUM COMPANIES

Winrock International, Little Rock, Gold
Arkansas Educational Television Network, Conway, Silver
Delta Dental of Arkansas, Sherwood, Bronze

SMALL COMPANIES

Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, P.C., Little Rock, Gold
Arkansas Power Electronics International, Inc., Fayetteville, Silver
White River Planning & Development District, Inc., Batesville, Bronze

The Work-Life Initiative also announced Spotlight Award winners, honoring organizations that provided exemplary strategies that support a healthy work-life balance. They were:

Arvest Bank, Ft. Smith and River Valley Region, Ft. Smith
Bell & Company, PA, North Little Rock
Friendship Community Care, Russellville
Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center, Bentonville
McKee Foods Corporation, Gentry

The Mature Worker Award also recognized three companies for their ongoing efforts to provide a work environment friendly to mature workers. The winners were:

Arkansas Educational Television Network, Conway

Bank of the Ozarks, Little Rock
Saline Memorial Hospital, Benton

Mr. President, I congratulate each and every member of these organizations for their dedication to their families, work life, and our great State of Arkansas.●

RECOGNIZING BLACK DINAH CHOCOLATIERS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize Black Dinah Chocolatiers, a rare treasure of a company found on the tiny, remote Maine island of Isle au Haut in Penobscot Bay. While this small business may be nestled on a small island, it is no secret to the world. Featured in Martha Stewart Living and various other publications, chocolate lovers travel from near and far to take the 45-minute ride by mail boat or ferry from the mainland to indulge in the rich, delightful taste of Black Dinah's specialty handcrafted chocolates.

The history behind this tasty small business is a tale of adventure and creativity. Black Dinah Chocolatiers' founders Kate and Steve Shaffer fell in love with the small fishing and lobstering community of Isle au Haut after moving there in 2004. Not seeking employment in the island's traditional trades of lobstering and carpentry, Kate and Steve designed an alternative business plan that consisted of a product that could be marketed and shipped off the island year-round to compensate for cold Maine winters and a sparsely populated customer base on the island. Their solution was chocolate.

With Kate's years of experience in the restaurant industry, Steve's experience in the computer repair business, and some assistance from one of Maine's exceptional women's business centers, the Shaffers launched Black Dinah Chocolatiers in July of 2007. Today, thousands of chocolates are shipped off the island to every State during holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Mothers Day. In addition to an active mail order business, the Shaffers supply their artisan chocolates to Maine gourmet food stores, wine shops, and florists. They also run an organic bakery and coffeehouse from May through September for tourists and locals alike. This small business has a tremendous impact on the island's community—not only through its satisfying contribution of extraordinary chocolate but as a profitable venture that is helping to sustain its local economy through sales that have doubled each year since its inception.

Black Dinah Chocolatier further assists the regional economy through its