

of him and the sacrifice he gave to this country.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the sacrifice SGT Bradley Marshall and his family have given to protecting our freedom.

REMEMBERING ELISHA "RAY" NANCE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to pay appropriate tribute today to an American hero—Elisha "Ray" Nance—of Bedford, VA.

He passed away last Sunday at the age of 94, and memorial services are being held today.

Mr. Nance was the last surviving member of what has come to be known as "The Bedford Boys"—members of Company A, 116th Infantry, 29th Division.

Mr. Nance was among 38 National Guardsmen from the close-knit community of Bedford who were called to active service in World War II. On June 6, 1944, 19 were killed when they landed on Omaha Beach at the start of the D-day invasion. Two more died later.

"We Bedford boys," Nance recalled, "we competed to be in the first wave. We wanted to be there. We wanted to be the first on the beach," he would write as he recovered from his own severe wounds.

Bedford recorded 21 casualties out of 38 men who served, all from the same small town of 3,200 people located in central Virginia.

That overwhelming loss led to Bedford's selection as the site of the National D-day Memorial—a worthy project I was honored to support, both as a private citizen and as Virginia Governor.

But Ray Nance's public service did not end with his military service.

To honor his fallen brethren, Nance returned home to Bedford and helped reorganize Company A of the Virginia National Guard, and served as its first commander. He then built a career as a rural postal carrier, and served in the Elks.

At the end of his life, he was a proud resident of the Elks National Home in Bedford.

In recent years, he visited the D-day Memorial often to help teach younger generations about the service, courage and sacrifice demonstrated by "The Bedford Boys" and others of the "greatest generation."

Ray Nance's life and example demonstrate the very best qualities—and the responsibilities—of citizenship.

My thoughts and prayers are with his widow Alpha and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A grateful Commonwealth and Nation thanks them for their lifetime of support for Ray Nance—a hero—and the last of "The Bedford Boys."

NATIONAL WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to mark an anniversary, one that

was many tragic years in the making. According to the Idaho AFL-CIO, 35 Idaho workers were killed due to on the job injuries in 2007. Next Tuesday, April 28, is National Worker's Memorial Day, which celebrates the day the Occupational Safety and Health Act—OSHA—became law in 1970.

More than 30 years ago, in 1967 a construction worker in Nampa, ID, Louis Jose Archuleta, was killed in a jobsite accident. Louie and others were installing a sewer line, 35 feet deep, in sandy soil, when the soil caved in. It trapped Louie, and, although fellow workers and rescue crews worked diligently for two and a half hours, their efforts were hampered due to further collapses of cleared areas, and Archuleta did not survive.

But Louie and many other workers knew what they were facing. Just a week before the accident, Louie told his sister Victoria that it was the most dangerous job he had ever worked on. Safety inspectors were in the process of shutting the job down at the time of the accident, a process that, in 1967, took at least 5 days to shut down a job.

Louie was very active in the local labor union and served three terms—9 years—as president of Labor's Union Local No. 267 in Pocatello, ID. He was a strong advocate for a retirement system. As a result of the tragedy, the Idaho AFL-CIO joined the push for Federal legislation to protect workers, legislation that was later known as Occupational Safety and Health Act, OSHA.

With Louie, his family and the many others who have suffered due to worker safety issue, I am honored to recognize National Worker's Memorial Day, keeping in mind Louis Jose Archuleta and all fallen workers for their contribution to the infrastructure of the State of Idaho and the Nation and to the establishment of OSHA and much-needed increased worker safety standards.

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. PRESIDENT, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by the hundreds. The stories, numbering well over 1,200, are heart-breaking and touching. While energy prices have dropped in recent weeks, the concerns expressed remain very relevant. To respect the efforts of those who took the opportunity to share their thoughts, I am submitting every e-mail sent to me through an address set up specifically for this purpose to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This is not an issue that will be easily resolved, but it is one that deserves immediate and serious attention, and Idahoans deserve to be heard. Their stories not only detail their struggles to meet everyday expenses, but also have suggestions and recommendations as to what Congress can do now to tackle this

problem and find solutions that last beyond today. I ask unanimous consent to have today's letters printed in the RECORD.

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

My personal and family circumstances are good with regard to income and out-go. That being said, the price of fuel, whether diesel or gasoline, is still an outrage, but there is absolutely nothing the government should do about it directly. Yes, we should make a meaningful effort to develop alternative fuel sources and methods of transportation and even responsibly drill for our own oil and gas here at home. But, the minute [price controls are started], that is when all hell breaks loose and things go to hell in a handbasket. Please advise your colleagues to not impose a windfall profits tax on oil companies. That will be another direct tax on the American consumer, [even though many do not pay attention.] Most Americans will just continue to believe it is the oil companies that are the culprits because of what we hear on TV!

Please be smart about this. Let capitalism rule. Tell our "friends" in the Middle East to enjoy selling to China and India and let us become responsibly self-sufficient, like we should be. And, by the way, if oil were not traded as a futures commodity, I am betting the price would tank quickly and substantially. What do you think?

SCOTT, *Malad.*

Thank you for asking about how gasoline prices are affecting my family. The increase of energy costs has allowed my family to make conscious decisions, instead of acting on impulses. Our family is combining trips and errands. We are going with each other instead of separately and enjoying our new shared times. I am so disappointed when I reviewed the salaries of the big oil executives and found them arrogant when I watched them testifying before the Committee on C-SPAN. It looks to me like they pocketed the money and failed to improve their facilities.

I have been discouraged that not one of Idaho's Congressional delegation has asked my family to conserve one ounce of petroleum. I do not want a knee-jerk reaction to higher prices at the pumps and check-outs; I want examination, reviews and bipartisan recommendations. It seems the decisions made in hurry during the last eight years have caught up with us. Slow down and do what is right for America.

JUNE.

I am grateful that you have given us a chance to be able to express our frustrations and opinions on what is going on with the energy situation.

We moved to Idaho Falls from Utah four years ago because my husband was able to get a job, with his Bachelors degree, that paid more per year than I was making with a Masters degree teaching. The cost of living was lower than Utah, and we absolutely love the area. We bought our home, as a foreclosure, three years ago about six miles outside of Idaho Falls, in Iona. It was cheaper to buy a foreclosure than it was to rent an apartment.

We are not extravagant by any means. We try to conserve energy. We are fixing our home as fast and as cost-effective as we can, which has not been too fast. About a year ago, because all of our bills were going up and our paycheck was not, we made the decision that it was better to forego medical insurance for the family and put money away into a health savings account (HSA). Our reasoning is that we have to live day-to-day