

of gasoline. That is not five cents. That is .005 cents. The bottom line is that EPA is proposing to allow my constituents to breathe more toxic emissions and face greater risk of cancer so that oil companies can save a fraction of a cent per gallon of gas.

I am not going to sit back and let EPA just go ahead with this rule-making without complaint. The Office of General Counsel is the chief legal advisor to EPA. Mr. Martella was the principal deputy general counsel when this rule was proposed. He is now the acting general counsel. I am placing a hold on his nomination to send as strong a signal to EPA as I can at this time that they need to take another look at their own figures. They need to take another look at their own regulatory analysis. The regional problems that they identified would occur in setting up a national cap-and-trade program are real problems and must not be ignored. They need to come up with a real solution. Until they do, I will object to any unanimous consent agreement to allow Mr. Martella's nomination to come to a vote in the Senate.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### IN HONOR OF SHERIFF CHARLES PLUMMER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Alameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer, who is retiring after more than 54 years of dedicated service in law enforcement.

Sheriff Plummer began his career in law enforcement in 1952 with the city of Berkeley Police Department. His dedication to the Berkeley Police Department was evident over the 23 years he spent with that agency, where he ultimately rose to the rank of acting chief of police.

Following his service with the Berkeley Police Department, Sheriff Plummer was appointed chief of police for the city of Hayward in June of 1976. During his 10 years with the Hayward Police Department, Sheriff Plummer employed many innovative and successful programs. In 1979, Sheriff Plummer volunteered the Hayward Police Department to be one of five trial sites to test the law enforcement service standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, CALEA, becoming the ninth law enforcement agency in the Nation, and the first west of the Mississippi, to be accredited by CALEA. Sheriff Plummer was later elected to CALEA, served as its president, and has since been a strong advocate for the accreditation of law enforcement agencies.

Most memorably, in his role as Hayward chief of police, Sheriff Plummer initiated what became known as "The Cardinal Sins," a set of simple, straightforward rules demanding honesty from all employees and prohibiting bigotry, the acceptance of bribes,

and the use of controlled substances. Many officers felt that adherence to these rules helped build a bond of trust between law enforcement and the communities they served. Today, "The Cardinal Sins" have become standard in many law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation. Under his leadership, the Hayward Police Department became one of the most highly respected law enforcement agencies in the country.

In 1986, Sheriff Plummer was elected sheriff of Alameda County. In his capacity as sheriff, he opened the new Santa Rita jail, the sixth largest facility of its kind in the United States; he established a marine patrol unit to protect the shoreline of Alameda County; he opened a state-of-the-art Office of Emergency Services Center; he has achieved CALEA accreditation for the sheriff's office; and has also received accreditation for many branches of the sheriff's office, including Prison Health Services, the County Crime Laboratory, and the Explosive Ordinance Unit. Under his leadership, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office is the only agency in California to earn the National Sheriff's Association prestigious "Triple Crown Award."

In addition to his regular duties as Alameda county sheriff, Sheriff Plummer has served as head of Region II in the California Law Enforcement Mutual Aid System, a statewide program under the Office of Emergency Services that restores order during emergencies, including civil unrest, and provides assistance to local agencies during other unusual events. Throughout his career, Sheriff Plummer has also been active in numerous professional organizations including the Peace Officer's Research Association of California, the Peace Officer Standards and Training, the Police Executive Research Forum, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

In his spare time, Sheriff Plummer has been very involved in his community, serving as past president and a member of the Hayward Rotary Club. He is a lifetime volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, serving on the executive council in San Francisco, and a lifetime member of the Southern Alameda County Chapter of the NAACP. Sheriff Plummer has generously given his time to such organizations as the YMCA and the Salvation Army.

For over half a century, Sheriff Plummer has dedicated his life to promoting excellence in law enforcement and the communities he has served. He has served with honesty, integrity, and a commitment to excellence. I am confident that, even in retirement, Sheriff Plummer will continue to touch lives with his good will and compassion. I wish him the very best and hope he enjoys his much deserved retirement.●

##### DELANO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DELANO, MINNESOTA

• Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, today I honor Delano Elementary School, in

Delano, MN, which recently earned an Award for Excellence in Education for its exceptional and innovative achievements in educating children.

Delano Elementary School is truly a model of educational success. The school takes great pride in involving parents in their children's school experiences. Last spring, the rate of parents' participation at parent-teacher conferences was an impressive 99 percent. Parents contributed over 6,000 hours of volunteer services during the 2005-2006 school year.

The Partners in Education organization at Delano Elementary raises over \$30,000 per year for student activities and supplies for teachers and classrooms. Recently, the organization contributed \$8,000 toward the purchase of SMARTBOARD technology, an interactive, electronic blackboard system. The money was also used to install sound-field systems in a number of the primary grade classrooms.

Delano Elementary also offers several programs to challenge children of high potential. The school's Tiger's Tale publishing center allows children to turn their own creative stories into books that have a professionally published look. The math lab extends and enriches skills taught through classroom instruction.

An organized gifted and talented program, with a teacher of gifted and talented children, offers several opportunities for pupils beyond their classrooms, including Destination Imagination, Continental Math League, and other unique units of instruction, designed specifically for high-potential pupils.

Delano Elementary consistently receives five-star ratings from the Department of Education in both reading and math. Last year, 87 percent of Delano third-graders scored in the top three levels on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment Reading Test, and 93 percent of the third-graders scored in the top three levels in math.

Much of the credit for Delano Elementary School's success belongs to its principal, Darren Schuler, and the dedicated teachers. The pupils and staff at Delano Elementary School understand that, in order to be successful, a school must go beyond achieving academic success; it must also provide a nurturing environment where children can develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for success throughout life. All of the faculty, staff, and pupils at Delano Elementary School should be very proud of their accomplishments.

I congratulate Delano Elementary School in Delano for winning the Award for Excellence in Education and for its exceptional contributions to education in Minnesota.●

##### ORONO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, ORONO, MINNESOTA

• Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, today I honor Orono Intermediate School, in Orono, MN, which recently earned an