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TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM T. FRAIN,
JR.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor William T. Frain, Jr., upon his recognition by Business New Hampshire Magazine as the "Business Leader of the Decade" in the state of New Hampshire.

William, or "Bill" Frain, is the President and CEO of a company that has seen New Hampshire through many of its most difficult economic periods, Public Service of New Hampshire. Although faced with adversity throughout his tenure with the company, Frain successfully pulled them through near bankruptcy, an acquisition by Northeast Utilities, and industry deregulation.

Bill is an extraordinary leader, the type that does not always manifest itself, but who motivates and encourages those around them to give above and beyond one hundred percent of themselves. As a result, over 150 of his employees sit on boards throughout the state, and many more volunteer their time to give back to communities throughout the state. In addition, employees at PSNH have contributed more than 1.3 million to the United Way since 1990.

Bill's most notable achievements include winning the Yankee Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America Yankee Award for demonstrating leadership during a crisis, earning the Special New Hampshire District Advocacy Award from the United States Small Business Administration, acting as a key facilitator in forming the Amoskeag Fishways Partnership in order to bring life back into the Merrimack River, and being a co-founder of the Junior Achievement of New Hampshire Advisory Council in 1995. A member of too many organizations to list, he has truly exemplified the qualities of strong leadership.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege of mine, during my time in office, to have worked with a leader as extraordinary as Bill Frain. His hard work, determination, and ability to motivate those around him to reach greater heights are truly commendable. Bill, it is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO EASTER SEALS

● Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Easter Seals upon their designation as one of the "Businesses of the Decade" by Business New Hampshire Magazine.

For the past ten years, under the guidance of President Larry Gammon, Easter Seals has selflessly and stead-

fastly serviced individuals with a wide range of disabilities across the state. Perhaps their most notable achievement to date is their work to ensure that students with emotional and learning disabilities receive excellent schooling, housing and another chance to grow and become active community members.

Easter Seals services an average of 125 children a day through programs such as "Support to Families in Need," family mediation, parenting workshops and 24-hour emergency support access. They currently provide ninety percent of special needs transportation for Manchester and one hundred percent for the town of Londonderry, New Hampshire.

Although their hardest workers are often volunteers, Easter Seals has never wavered in the quality of the services they provide, and should be commended for their continued quality and caring in the state.

The accomplishments of this organization are simply too numerous to list. They founded Camp Sno-Mo, a program for children with physical and cognitive disabilities which has grown to include day camps as well as adult vacation programs. They also opened an Alzheimer's Day Program, allowing many family members a respite from caring for loved ones afflicted with the disease.

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TRIBUTE TO CENTRAL PAPER
PRODUCTS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Central Paper Products for their designation as one of the "Businesses of the Decade" by Business New Hampshire Magazine.

For the past ten years, and for many before that, under the direction and guidance of President Fred Kfoury Jr., Central Paper has donated time and experience to economic development and civic improvement projects across the state. They were actively involved in many of the major projects in the state, namely the Airport Initiative, the Civic Center, the Manchester Housing Authority, United Way, Easter Seals and the Manchester School System.

Central Paper, because of their ability to be flexible in the technological field, is often working at a rate more efficient than companies three times their size. Their dedication to technological advancement has brought them to the forefront of their field, and I commend them for it.

Employees of Central Paper Products helped to found the Science Enrichment Encounter and FIRST, and continue to work with these programs on a national scale. In 1991 and 1992, Central Paper Products was named "Best of the

Best" by the National Paper Trade Association for their commitment to community service, and President Fred Kfoury, Jr., was named "Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year" in 1998.

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TRIBUTE TO BELL ATLANTIC

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Bell Atlantic for their designation as one of the "Businesses of the Decade" by Business New Hampshire Magazine.

For the past ten years, under current President and CEO Michael Hickey, Bell Atlantic has faithfully upheld the cornerstones of their company: corporate responsibility, good citizenship, and core values. It has instilled this sense of giving back to the surrounding community not only in their management, but to their employees on every level.

Bell Atlantic's commitment to the surrounding community is evident through their participation in Kids Voting, their Adopt-A-School relationship with Beech Street School and their participation in Manchester's School-to-Work Program for electrical workers. They also worked with Cabletron and Project WINGS to ensure that schools throughout the state were wired to the Internet, sponsored the Smithsonian Folklife exhibit from New Hampshire and worked closely with various other community groups to educate and guide youths and adults throughout the state.

Additionally, Bell Atlantic has worked tirelessly over the past ten years to achieve the newest technological links for both businesses and homes across the state. Over the past five years, Bell Atlantic has invested nearly \$100 million in technological upgrades, and will continue to do so well into the future.

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TRIBUTE TO FLEET BANK

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Fleet Bank upon their designation as one of the "Businesses of the Decade" by Business New Hampshire Magazine.

For the past ten years, under the leadership of President Michael Whitney, Fleet Bank has made phenomenal inroads to assisting the surrounding community, and I applaud the hard work and dedication of each and every employee of the company.

The greatest examples of this are "Team Fleet," a group of more than