

JAG Corps officer. As a veteran, he has continued to assist veterans.

In 2000, UC Hastings opened the Cotchett Center for Advocacy recognizing Joe as one of its outstanding graduates. In 2004, Cotchett endowed a \$7 million fund to support science and mathematics teacher education at California State Polytechnic University to serve inner-city and rural minority children. To honor Joe, Cal Poly renamed its landmark Clock Tower the Cotchett Education Building. In 2006, the Joseph W. Cotchett Business Studio for students was dedicated at Notre Dame de Namur University.

Congratulations to Joe Cotchett for being named Santa Clara University's Distinguished Advocate for 2007. This is a worthy addition to a very long list of accomplishments.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN RAYMOND GERALD MURPHY

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, it is with a sad heart that I come to the floor today and honor my good friend Raymond Gerald Murphy. Jerry Murphy died last Friday at the age of 77. A burial with full military honors is planned for Santa Fe National Cemetery this week.

CPT Jerry Murphy was the 39th U.S. marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in the Korean war. He was decorated by President Dwight Eisenhower in a White House ceremony in 1953. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Captain Murphy was also awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Jerry Murphy was a hero in every sense of the word.

What really made Jerry special though was his service to others. When he returned from Korea, he dedicated his entire life to taking care of other veterans. He spent 23 years working in the Albuquerque VA Regional Office. Upon his retirement, he continued to serve veterans as a volunteer until he became too sick to do so. Earlier this year, Senator BINGAMAN and I introduced a bill to rename the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albuquerque, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center." I am very sad this was not completed before Jerry died, but I hope it will be completed soon.

In addition to all of Jerry's military honors, he was also a family man. Jerry is survived by his wife Maryann, his sons John, Michael, and Tim, his daughter Eleanor, as well as eight grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with the Murphy family this week; I know they are proud of what Jerry accomplished in his lifetime.

Jerry Murphy was a close friend, and I will miss him greatly. I always valued his friendship and advice. Godspeed, amigo. You touched many lives and helped many people. Your legacy will not soon be forgotten.●

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I wish today to commemorate the life of retired Marine Captain Raymond Gerald Murphy. Captain Murphy passed away on April 6, 2007, but left behind a legacy that will not soon be forgotten. His legacy of courage, valor, and commitment to his country will forever remain a part of the history and heart of the United States.

Captain Murphy was born and raised in Pueblo, CO. After graduating from Adams State College, he selflessly volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps and was sent to officer training school. At only 23 years old, 2nd Lieutenant Murphy led a Marine platoon to perform an evacuation mission in the hills of South Korea after U.S. troops had sustained months of heavy mortar attack from enemy forces. Lieutenant Murphy bravely commanded a small group of men up the hill to survey the situation. Met by intense enemy fire, Lieutenant Murphy pressed on to rescue wounded and killed marines, while continuing to support combat platoons. Realizing that all platoon commanders had been either killed or severely wounded, Murphy found himself in charge of the attack and began reorganizing his men. Murphy ordered his men to carry the wounded back down the hill for medical attention, and carried many men on his own back.

Having sustained a wound to his left side, and shot through his right hand, Murphy refused medical help until all of his men were brought to safety. Wounded, he continued to go back up the hill, facing continued enemy fire, until every injured and fallen marine was carried back down. As the last man down the hill, Lieutenant Murphy left not a single man on that shattered hillside in South Korea.

On October 27, 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower bestowed upon Lieutenant Murphy the Medal of Honor, the highest award for his courage and heroic action during the Korean War. Lieutenant Murphy's Medal of Honor citation reads, "His resolute and inspiring leadership, exceptional fortitude and great personal valor reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Murphy and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service." I believe this encapsulates the essence of his service and patriotism as a U.S. marine.

I am honored to stand before the Senate today to pay tribute to the life and service of CPT Raymond Murphy. I would like to offer my condolences to his wife Marry Ann and his four children. His family has lost a husband and a father, and this Nation has lost a truly noble man, but may his gallantry and heroism be memorialized forever in the freedoms of this great country.●

#### 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF RUNNING N CATTLE COMPANY

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I recognize the Running N Cattle Company of Kenna, NM, that is currently

celebrating its centennial year of operation. The Running N Cattle Company's 100th anniversary date was in May of 2006.

The Running N Cattle Company is a family owned partnership that began in 1906. William H. Cooper and his wife Elizabeth left Hopkins County in east Texas, with their five grown children, to acquire free land through the Homestead Act in New Mexico. The act promised 160 acres of land for each adult and an abundant supply of water. All seven members of the Cooper family made their claim on 160 acres, just north and east of what is now the small village of Kenna, NM. William and Elizabeth settled, making Kenna their home. Out of their five children, Joseph "Joe" Cooper was the only child who remained at the original homestead.

In 1909 Joe moved back to East Texas to marry his high school sweetheart, Gertrude Jackson. Shortly after, they traveled by train back to the homestead at Kenna where they continued ranching and began raising a family. Joe eventually purchased the pieces of land his brothers and sisters had claimed in 1906. Although Joe ran both sheep and cattle on his land, he eventually made the decision that he wanted to concentrate all his efforts on raising cattle. Joe and Gertrude had four children; Lewis Cranford Cooper born in 1915 was their only child who decided to join his father in the ranching business.

In 1937 Lewis Cooper married Lucille Martin in Clovis, NM. In 1940 they moved to the headquarters of the ranch near his parents' home. Lewis was a sharp cattle tender and bought and sold cattle from California to Kansas. Lewis enjoyed the ranching business and had a keen eye for good horses. Lewis grew up in Kenna and Elida where he stayed actively involved in his community, working to make it a pleasant place to live. Lewis and Lucille had two daughters Virginia Ann, Jenny, and Jacquelin, Jackie. Lewis and Lucille continued ranching until Lewis died, in 1971. Lucille now makes her home in Portales where she stays involved with her church, grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

Jenny Cooper, older daughter of Lewis and Lucille, married Dr. John Clemmons in 1968 at the ranch home in Kenna. John has been active in the stocker yearling business at this location since Lewis's death in 1971. John has served as the general manager since 1971, along with that title, he also embraces ownership duties. The Running N Cattle Company has been continuously owned and operated by the same family. For the past 36 years John and Jenny, along with Jackie are the fourth generation to own the partnership and continue the business. Throughout the years the family has been able to purchase additional pieces of land allowing the ranch to expand. The headquarters is kept in the same