proximately $300 a car, far cheaper than DVD and stereo systems. This inexpensive technology could save thousands of children’s lives. I fought long and hard into the last hours of the 109th Congress to get this bill through, and I am proud to be with many of my colleagues in the fight to get this bill passed.

I am proud to champion the Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2007 and urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill. Together, we can ensure that we have safer cars and safer kids across our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MURPHY OIL AND THE EL DORADO PROMISE PROGRAM

Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I wish to pay tribute to one of the top companies in the Nation and one that calls Arkansas home, Murphy Oil. In the May 2007 issue of Reader’s Digest, Murphy Oil was named one of “America’s 100 Best” in recognition of the El Dorado Promise scholarship program. Reader’s Digest called the program the “Best Class Act” and nothing could be more true.

El Dorado Promise was created through a $30 million gift from Murphy Oil Company. The program guarantees that all local high school graduates in the El Dorado community will be able to go to college. To be eligible for the program, students must enroll in a community college or a 4-year university—public or private, in Arkansas or out of State—and maintain a 2.0 grade point average to remain eligible.

What a gift this is for this South Arkansas community and the families that live there. According to the Washington Post, it is one of the most generous scholarship programs in the Nation. When the program was announced in January at a school assembly, many in attendance were brought to tears.

I want to commend Clairobe Deming, the president and CEO of Murphy Oil, and the Murphy Oil board of directors for their vision and investment in the children of El Dorado. The commitment they are making to their community will provide wonderful opportunities for many Arkansans families. Murphy Oil’s unselfish gift also will elevate the lives of so many young people who will fully participate in our global economy.

Many colleges are offering to participate in the program, and El Dorado Promise is already sparking interest as other communities attempt to find ways to offer similar programs. I am also hopeful that this scholarship program will set an example for other corporate citizens to make investments in their communities. It can go beyond donating money. The donation of technology or even time in the form of mentoring programs can have a meaningful impact on students and communities in ways that cannot be measured.

Education is a national investment in our most precious resource, our children. The knowledge and training they receive will provide them with the tools they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. The Nation’s ability to lead responsibility in the world, to effectively confront emerging threats, and to create commutes in the global economy will depend on providing all our future leaders with a quality education. The El Dorado Promise is a quality investment in those children who will, no doubt, reap Murphy Oil its well-deserved return for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO TROY BUCK

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, tonight the students who belong to the Future Farmers of America chapter at Centerpoint High School located between Amity and Glenwood, AR, are having their annual banquet. Some of the students will start this week and begin new chapters in their lives. While every teacher there has contributed to the education of each student I rise to today to honor one teacher there, Troy W. Buck.

Troy Buck is a native of Alpine, which is located in Clark County in the southwest part of my State. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agriculture at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville and has spent 47 years working in vocational agriculture impacting the lives of countless students along the way.

Troy Buck taught for 21 years at Hope High School and built the Hope FFA chapter into the largest in the State. He then moved to Amity, which merged with Glenwood in 1995 to create the Centerpoint School District. Today under Troy Buck’s leadership, Centerpoint’s FFA chapter has almost 300 students, making it one of the largest. It merged with Glenwood in 1995 to create the Centerpoint School District.

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