

coal technologies, and tackle the gulf oil spill. We need to set aside controversial and more far-reaching climate proposals and work right now on energy legislation that protects our economy, protects West Virginia, and improves our environment.

I agree wholeheartedly. We on the Republican side have said we have an energy policy, and that it is all of the above.

I will yield at any time to my friend from Connecticut, since he had time reserved. Apparently, he doesn't want it.

It may be that the caucus that met yesterday was united in the idea that cap and trade is dead. But I don't think that is necessarily true with the Obama administration.

I am glad to yield to my friend. My understanding is that they only have 4 more minutes, and a unanimous consent request will be made here. I am almost out of time anyway.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am told we have time. Floor staff will let me know. We have a little more time available.

Mr. INHOFE. I ask the Chair, how much time is remaining before—the Senator from Nebraska has reserved time; is that correct?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Evidently not.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, let me conclude and say I will come back and talk about this at a later time. I do believe President Obama's pollster has some ideas that became public. I will share this last point.

Joe Benenson, the President's campaign pollster, did a survey for somewhat of an extremist environmental group, and, among other things, he found that based on his interpretation of the survey result, pushing for cap and trade and tying opposition to it to big oil is a potent political weapon for Democrats against Republicans this fall.

I think that says it all. People are using the tragedy in the gulf for political purposes. This is something we want people to understand.

With that, I yield the floor.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST BLAINE REDDING

Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, I rise today to remember a fallen hero, U.S. Army SPC Blaine Redding of Plattsburgh, NE.

Blaine was a proud member of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, of the 101st Airborne Division, operating in one of the most dan-

gerous areas of Afghanistan, the Kunar Province.

On June 7, only 4 weeks after arriving in that country, Specialist Redding was killed when his vehicle was struck by a remotely detonated improvised explosive device.

His death is a great loss to our Nation and to Nebraska, his home State.

Blaine was a model of persistence, determination, and patriotism. Faced with challenges during his adolescent years, he realized that military service was the best way to fulfill his longings.

Blaine overcame an early departure from high school by earning a general equivalency diploma to join the U.S. Army. He was determined to sustain a family history of service to our country in uniform, beginning with a great-grandfather and continuing through subsequent generations.

Fort Campbell became a very special place for Specialist Redding. He and his brother, PFC Logan Redding, were assigned to the elite 101st Airborne Division.

But more important, he met his future wife Victoria, or Nikki, while at Fort Campbell. They were married on March 13, 2010. With this came a renewed sense of responsibility to defend this great Nation and its principles of freedom.

Specialist Redding knew combat operations, having completed already a year-long tour in Iraq. The rugged terrain and close proximity to the Pakistan border of the area of Afghanistan where he was poses special challenges to allied forces. Losses have been heavy in this region. Specialist Redding was comforted by his brother being deployed nearby. Ultimately, Logan would aid in returning his brother's body to the United States.

Specialist Redding will be remembered in different ways. His Army buddies sometimes refer to him as "a perfect soldier," a great "mortar man."

To family and friends, he had a priceless personality. To his wife Nikki, he was a devoted husband with a very big heart.

The decorations and badges earned during a far too brief Army career speak to his dedication and to his bravery: the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Purple Heart. He proudly wore the Combat Infantry Badge and Air Assault Badge.

Today, I join Nikki, family, and friends in mourning the death of their beloved husband, son, brother, and friend. Blaine made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great Nation, and we owe him and his family an immeasurable debt of gratitude.

May God be with the Redding family, friends, and all those who mourn his death and celebrate his life. We will remember Blaine as we remember all the Nation's fallen warriors who gave their lives so that we may live in peace. Their names are etched on the con-

science of our Nation in glory undimmed unto the end of our people.

I also offer my prayers to all those serving in uniform today, and especially those serving in peril overseas. May God bless them and their families and see them through these difficult times.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING DOUGLAS GRAVEL

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I wish to take a few minutes to recognize three individuals, two of whom are no longer with us, and one is a man who just retired from a life of dedication to his community and family. I wish to spend a few minutes talking about the three of them, if I may.

The first is a friend of mine who passed away several weeks ago, an individual who made a wonderful contribution to our country.

Doug Gravel was a wonderful friend, a great champion of American education, and a person who attracted a legion of friends, supporters, and followers throughout his life.

Although he never lived for fame or even for recognition, Doug Gravel was instrumental in shaping the way we teach our children in this country, from one end of our Nation to the other.

The Montessori method of teaching, familiar to many people, was developed a century ago by Maria Montessori in Italy. It was designed as a system to educate the whole child by empowering children to guide their own development. It encourages kids to develop their own unique personalities and fosters their curiosity in the world around them while removing environmental obstacles to their progress.

For many children, the Montessori method has proven to be an unqualified success. Many of its methods are incorporated in public education in this country as well. Its revitalization in the latter half of this century can be traced back to a very small group of individuals—parents who lived in my state in Greenwich, CT. One of those people was a fellow named Doug Gravel.

Realizing there was no clearinghouse for parents, teachers, and school administrators interested in the Montessori method, Dr. Nancy McCormick Rambusch established the American Montessori Society at the Whitby School in Greenwich, CT in 1960. It is today America's oldest Montessori School, and Doug Gravel was right there with Nancy Rambusch when the program started.