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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
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*Dedication Ceremony  
ExxonMobil Lawrence G. Rawl Engineering Practice Facility  
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Dean (Thomas) Landers, thank you for those kind words.

Gail Rawl and members of the Rawl family, President Boren,  
distinguished faculty and students, ladies and gentlemen:

I am very pleased to join you this morning as we dedicate the  
ExxonMobil Lawrence G. Rawl Engineering Practice Facility.

Larry Rawl was a patriotic American and Marine Corps veteran, a strong  
leader for Exxon Corporation and the oil industry, and a true friend.

Today's ceremonies are a fitting tribute to a man whose life exemplified  
the highest and most ennobling aspects of intellectual achievement,  
leadership, integrity, and service to others.

Those same qualities have defined and guided the University of Oklahoma since its founding more than a century ago.

No one can visit this campus without feeling a special sense of history.

So much of what we think of as great about America has been taught, researched, and lived here.

In so many ways – the quality of its faculty and academic programs, its diverse and highly accomplished student body, its storied past, and its promising future – the University of Oklahoma is rightly considered the quintessential American university.

The oil business and ExxonMobil have enjoyed strong ties with OU and the state of Oklahoma dating back to the industry's earliest years.

And for Larry Rawl – oilman and petroleum engineer – the University of Oklahoma always had special meaning and significance.

It was here that he earned a degree in petroleum engineering and set his sights on a career in the oil business.

It was here that he was inducted into the Distinguished Graduates Society of the College of Engineering.

It was here that he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

And it was here – at the University of Oklahoma – that he established the Lawrence G. Rawl Engineering Scholarship Fund.

Support for education and philanthropy was a lifelong commitment for Larry Rawl – and as I can personally attest, he saw leadership and service to others as both a privilege and a duty.

He was the fifth of seven children born to Grace and James Rawl on May 4, 1928, in Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

He enlisted and served in the U.S. Marine Corps at the end of World War II.

After completing his service in the Marines, he earned a petroleum engineering degree at OU, and then went to work for Humble Oil & Refining Company, the predecessor to Exxon Company USA.

During a long and distinguished career with Exxon, he earned promotions to a series of increasingly responsible positions before being named as the company's president in 1985.

He was elected chairman and chief executive officer of Exxon Corporation in 1987, a post he held until he retired in May 1993.

Both during and after his career at Exxon, Larry served on the boards of numerous organizations dedicated to education and medical research.

In addition, he founded the LGR Foundation, originally organized for interests of children – and later broadened to include issues relating to Alzheimer's Disease.

He was active in Junior Achievement, and headed its New York chapter.

He also served as a director of Chemical Bank, Warner-Lambert Company, Champion International Company, Texas Commerce Bancshares, and the American Petroleum Institute.

He served as a director of Texas Medical Center and on the Board of Visitors of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

His professional and educational memberships included the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the Texas Professional Engineers, and the College of Engineering Board of Visitors here at the University of Oklahoma.

With steady resolve and quiet confidence – and, I hasten to add, the benefit of an OU education in petroleum engineering – Larry Rawl left his distinctive mark on Exxon, the petroleum industry, and his beloved alma mater throughout his career and in subsequent years

During his lifetime, he witnessed and played a part in the great sweep of historical events that shaped the second half of the 20th Century.

He saw and understood that supplying energy to sustain the world's economies in an affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible manner is an immense challenge for the petroleum industry.

He helped lead an industry that grew from producing less than 3 billion barrels of oil-equivalent energy in the year he was born to supplying about 50 billion barrels a year today.

And he helped Exxon meet the challenges of growing international markets, new technologies, and shifting geopolitical currents that are the constant realities in which the industry operates.

Thanks to a generation of leaders such as Larry Rawl – and the trailblazing work of the engineers whose work has made our energy supplies and prosperity possible – today's petroleum industry continues to take on the toughest challenges.

The oil and gas industry is a long-term business – and at the heart of that business are the engineers who design it, build it, and make it work.

That has been true from the earliest days, and I am certain that engineers will continue to play a central role in its future.

The new supplies of oil and gas the world uses today are available because of decisions and risks undertaken by our industry 5, 10, and even 15 years ago.

Similarly, the decisions we make today related to exploration, development, production, transportation, refining, and distribution will likely affect results for many years – even decades into the future.

The challenge of supplying energy for the future of our world is immense.

And the investments needed to build the infrastructure to find and produce that energy will be huge – as much as \$16 trillion in the first three decades of this century.

ExxonMobil is proud to support and invest in the Lawrence G. Rawl Engineering Practice Facility at the University of Oklahoma's College of Engineering because we are committed to helping train, develop, and invigorate the next generation of engineers.

The quality of tomorrow's engineers, engineering students, and educational institutions is vital to America and to the world.

Engineers are one of the most important reasons why the United States is so prosperous and productive – a fact Larry Rawl well understood.

I am confident that the College of Engineering at the University of Oklahoma will continue to play a leading role in attracting and educating a new generation of engineers who will help meet America's energy needs and those of the entire world.

That is an undertaking worthy of Larry Rawl's legacy, and a goal that ExxonMobil is proud to support.

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