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*Opening Session Remarks by Edward G. Galante
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Thank you, Jed. (Bullard)

I welcome this occasion to focus attention on the importance we place on safety, health, and the environment throughout the world.

All of us gathered at this year's congress, together with the companies we represent, have contributed much to advance these shared interests.

Though a broad range of experiences exists in the various approaches we take to the challenge of safety, health, and the environment, one thing is clear:

The National Safety Council is once again playing a vital role by bringing us together for this annual Congress and Expo in beautiful New Orleans.

Nothing is more important than the safety and health of our employees and the people with whom we come in contact in the conduct of business.

Working together, we can ensure that the National Safety Council -- and each of our organizations -- succeeds in realizing our mutual objectives.

More than a decade ago, ExxonMobil established an operations integrity management system to serve as the framework for setting the highest standards for safety, health, and environmental excellence.

In the years that followed, we have become a leader in safety performance in the global energy industry.

Others have recognized us for the extent to which environmental management is integrated into our operations and project development.

And we have certainly reaped the benefits of the organizational discipline our safety, health, and environmental management systems have instilled.

But most important, we have seen its impact on our workforce, in the communities where we operate, and on our financial performance.

That is why we are so deeply committed to the Campbell Award.

We know that a disciplined approach to safety, health, and environmental management benefits everyone.

We have joined the National Safety Council in sponsoring this award because we want other organizations to reap the benefits we have enjoyed -- along with public recognition for their success.

In future years -- as companies across the globe showcase their best safety, health, and environmental practices through this award competition -- we intend to learn from them.

Finally, we want to build winning case studies into university engineering and business curriculums -- examples that are truly worthy of emulation.

Together, we can all help a new generation of graduates enter the workforce with an abiding appreciation for the need to ensure that safety, health, and environmental management are properly integrated into business management.

And now, it is my privilege to present the winner of the first-ever Robert W. Campbell Awards -- the Noble Corporation.

Here to accept the award on the behalf of the Noble Corporation is the chairman and chief executive officer, James C. Day.

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