

efforts and spearheading emergency efforts and responses to a variety of security threats to the State and emergencies. His extensive background in the law enforcement and intelligence fields enabled him to make well-informed decisions in preparing for and responding to all hazards and threats in Texas.

On 17 July 2009, Mr. McCraw was selected as the Director of Texas Department of Public Safety which is a capstone to his law enforcement career as he returns to lead the department of over 8,500 commissioned and non-commissioned personnel.

I congratulate Mr. McCraw on this appointment and his long public service and substantial law enforcement career.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Throughout its history, SDSM&T has been consistently providing students with a high-quality, affordable education. Graduates are fully prepared for successful, rewarding careers in engineering and science.

I have had many opportunities during my time in office to personally visit the School of Mines and Technology. I have always been impressed with the professionalism and dedication of the administration and faculty, the tradition of excellence at the institution, and the commitment to learn from the students who attend the school.

I am proud to be a partner with SDSM&T on its innovative research that has tremendous benefits for my State, as well as to the Nation and to the world, especially in the areas of engineering, science and technology, and defense. This work has everyday applications to the general public, the government and to Main Street businesses. The School of Mines has a great tradition as one of the top engineering schools in the Nation and their graduates are always in high demand by some of the top companies in the world. In 2009, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology was the only institution of higher learning where the starting salary for its graduates was more than the cost of the education.

I salute the great legacy and tradition of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology on the occasion of its 125th anniversary and commend the work and commitment, past and present, of the administrators, faculty, alumni and students of Mines. I wish them well in the upcoming year of observances and celebrations.●

#### CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I want to share today with the Senate my con-

gratulations to the Central Michigan University Chippewas football team, champions of the Mid-American Conference and of the 2010 GMAC Bowl, on a successful and exciting season.

On January 6, 2010, in Mobile, AL, the Chippewas won their 12th game of the season, against just two losses, defeating Troy University, 44-41, in two overtimes in the GMAC Bowl. It was truly one of the college football season's most thrilling games.

Down by 12 points in the fourth quarter to a talented Troy team, the Chippewas came back to take the lead. They did not flinch when Troy tied the game with a last-second field goal to send the game into overtime, and persevered through two overtimes to triumph.

As expected, quarterback Dan LeFevour played a big role in the victory. LeFevour, a senior, had already become major college football's all-time leader in total touchdowns, set a long list of Mid-American Conference records, and become the only player in NCAA history with both 12,000 career passing yards and 2,500 career rushing yards. At the GMAC Bowl, LeFevour completed 33 of 55 passes for 395 yards, passing for one touchdown and rushing for another in overtime. Another Chippewa star, receiver Antonio Brown, caught 13 of LeFevour's passes for 178 yards, and had 203 yards in kickoff returns, including a 95-yard return for a touchdown that helped kick off CMU's fourth-quarter comeback.

It was a proud moment not just for CMU and Michigan, but across the Midwest, as the Chippewas broke a 14-game bowl losing streak for Mid-American Conference teams.

The team's competitiveness, skill, determination, and grit generated great pride not only in Mount Pleasant, CMU's home, but across the State of Michigan, which is home to half the Chippewas' roster. I join the proud citizens of Michigan in congratulating the Chippewas on a fantastic season, and enter the names of the team's players and coaches into the RECORD as permanent recognition of their success.

Players: Jahleel Addae, Vince Agnew, Andrew Aguila, Deja Alexander, Bryan Anderson, Nick Bellore, Brian Bennyhoff, Jake Bentley, Shamari Benton, Matt Berning, David Blackburn, Dannie Bolden, Tim Brazzel, Antonio Brown, Reggie Brown, John Carr, Derek Carter, Landon Carter, Paris Cotton, Jon Czerwienski, Leron Eaddy, Kirkston Edwards, Jake Ekkens, James Falls, Jeff Fantuzzi, Adam Fenton, Eric Fisher, Cedric Fraser, Kashawn Fraser, Eric Fraser, Connor Gagnon, Cornelius Gallon, Josh Gordy, David Harman, Jerry Harris, Brett Hartmann, Richard Hayes, Richie Hogan, Daniel Jackson, Gary Jackson, Jason Johnson, Todd Johnson, Aaron Kaczmarek, Matt Kanitz, Darren Keyton, Larry Knight, Dan LeFevour, Jake Linklater, Jeff Maddux, Matt Maletzke, Tommy Mama, Ben Masztak, Jordan McCon-

nell, Aaron McCord, Colin Miller, Sean Murnane, Connor Odykirk, Allen Ollenburger, Jake Olson, Mike Petrucci, Cody Pettit, Tim Phillips, Kito Poblach, Ryan Radcliff, Evan Ray, Malek Redd, Tyler Reed, Chris Reeves, Mike Repovz, Nick Reynolds, Derek Rifenburg, Caesar Rodriguez, Adam Schneid, Bryan Schroeder, Will Schwarz, D.J. Scott, Bobby Seay Jr., Valtorrey Showers, Sean Skergan, Alex Smith, Chris Starkey, Armond Staten, Darryll Stinson, Kevin Sweet, Zurlon Tipton, Matt Torres, Kyle Torzy, Shane Torzy, Carl Volny, Rocky Weaver, A.J. Westendorp, Lorenzo White, Zach Wiersma, John Williams, LaVarus Williams, Sam Williams, Cody Wilson, Jeremy Wilson, Steve Winston, Kyle Zelinsky and Frank Zombo.

Coaches: Interim Head Coach Steve Stripling, Offensive Coordinator Mike Bajakian, Defensive Coordinator Tim Banks, Linebackers Coach Mark Elder, Running Backs Coach Jeff Beckles; Recruiting Coordinator and Tight Ends Coach Max Glowacki, Offensive Line Coach Don Mahoney, Special Teams and Defensive Tackles Coach Paul Volero, Graduate Assistants Ryan Oshnock and Tony Pape, Director of Football Operations Plas Presnell, and Strength and Conditioning Coach Dave Lawson.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARK INGRAM, JR.

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, in December, Mark Ingram, Jr. became the 75th college football player to win the Heisman Memorial Trophy as the Most Outstanding College Football Player in the United States for 2009. In winning this award, one of the most coveted and prestigious awards any college athlete can receive, Mark joined an exclusive and distinguished list of college football players, which includes many of the greatest players to ever lace up a pair of cleats. This honor must be especially gratifying for Mark as he becomes both the first person from Flint, MI, and the first player from the University of Alabama to be declared the winner of this award.

This year was an especially close race. In fact, it is reported that this was one of the closest ballots in the history of the award. There are many great players on the college level today, and Mark can take particular pride in knowing that, as a sophomore, he put together a 2009 season that outshone them all. Clearly, he has earned the respect and admiration of the many that follow and cover college football on a daily basis.

Mark had an outstanding sophomore season. He scored 17 touchdowns and amassed 1,658 rushing yards, a single-season school rushing record. In addition to winning the Heisman, Mark was honored as the SEC Offensive Player of the Year. These are tremendous honors, and in a emotional acceptance speech, Mark spoke about the many people and situations that helped him to develop the drive and determination