

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 358

Commending the Seattle Seahawks for winning Super Bowl XLVIII and the 12th Man for their critical support.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Seattle Seahawks for winning Super Bowl XLVIII and the 12th Man for their critical support.

Whereas on February 2, 2014, the Seattle Seahawks won Super Bowl XLVIII with a commanding 43-8 victory over the Denver Broncos;

Whereas Super Bowl XLVIII is the first Super Bowl Championship won by the Seahawks franchise;

Whereas Seahawks coach Pete Carroll is only the third coach in the history of football to win both a Super Bowl in the National Football League (NFL) and a National Championship in college football;

Whereas Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson is the third-youngest starting quarterback to win the Super Bowl;

Whereas the Seahawks had a 13-3 record for the 2013 regular season, giving the Seahawks the best regular season record in the National Football Conference and tying them with the Broncos for the best regular season record in the NFL;

Whereas in December 1984, the Seahawks retired the number 12 in honor of their fan base, who are among the loudest, proudest, and most impactful group of fans in sports, which is known as “the 12th Man”;

Whereas the 12th Man is critical to the home field advantage of the Seahawks at CenturyLink Field, holds a world record for crowd noise at 137.6 decibels, and has twice triggered measurable earthquakes on the Richter Scale;

Whereas the Seahawks have the top-ranked defense in the NFL, led by an unstoppable defensive line and cornerback Richard Sherman and the “Legion of Boom” secondary;

Whereas Seattle linebacker Malcolm Smith was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of Super Bowl XLVIII after making several key plays, including a 69-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter;

Whereas Smith is the first defensive player to be named Super Bowl MVP since Super Bowl XXXVII;

Whereas the Seahawks defense contributed to a Broncos safety that was the fastest score in Super Bowl history and helped the Seahawks hold the lead throughout the game despite the Broncos having the highest-scoring offense in NFL history;

Whereas Super Bowl XLVIII was the most-watched television show in United States history, with an average audience of 111,500,000 people tuning in;

Whereas Seahawks owner Paul G. Allen and team coaches, staff, players, and all of their families and supporters should be commended for their dedication to supporting communities throughout the State of Washington with generous charity and advocacy work on behalf of those less fortunate; and

Whereas on February 5, 2014, 700,000 fans packed the streets of Seattle to celebrate the Seahawks victory: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates—

3 (A) the Seattle Seahawks for their victory
4 in Super Bowl XLVIII, the first National Foot-
5 ball League championship brought home to the
6 Pacific Northwest;

7 (B) Seahawks owner Paul G. Allen and the
8 Seahawks coaching, management, and support
9 staff;

10 (C) the Seahawks 12th Man, for being
11 among the most loyal and loudest sports fans in
12 the world; and

13 (D) the Denver Broncos and quarterback
14 Peyton Manning on a historic season; and

15 (2) requests the Secretary of the Senate to
16 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

17 (A) Seahawks owner and Chairman Paul
18 G. Allen;

1 (B) Seahawks President Peter McLough-
2 lin; and

3 (C) Seahawks Executive Vice President of
4 Football Operations and Head Coach Pete Car-
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