

NCAA Football Championship Subdivision, formerly known as Division 1-AA, beat the University of Michigan Wolverines, ranked fifth nationally, of the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, formally known as Division 1-A, by a score of 34-32 in front of 109,000 spectators at "The Big House" in Ann Arbor, MI. No Division 1-AA team has ever been victorious over a nationally ranked Division 1-A opponent.

The win over the Wolverines was an extraordinary team effort. Quarterback Armani Edwards threw for 227 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 62 yards and one touchdown. The receiving corps combined for 227 yards of offense with two touchdowns from Dexter Jackson and one from Hans Batichon. In addition, the defense had an outstanding game and forced two critical turnovers in the second half—one fumble recovery and one interception—to guide the Mountaineers to victory.

During the fourth quarter the Mountaineers came up with the special plays needed to complete the monumental win. With Appalachian State trailing 32-31, Brian Quick blocked a Michigan field goal setting-up what would become the game-winning drive. On the ensuing drive, kicker Julian Rauch put a 24-yard field goal through the uprights to move the Mountaineers ahead 34-32 with 26 seconds left in the game. The Mountaineers, however, still needed one more big play from its special teams. With just a few seconds remaining, Corey Lynch dramatically blocked a Wolverine field goal attempt to seal the victory.

After the final gun, head coach Jerry Moore, who put together a masterful game plan, was carried off the field by his players in victory. The Appalachian State Mountaineers' victory over the Michigan Wolverines demonstrates that any achievement is possible with hard work and a great deal of heart.

I applaud the tremendous effort by the players, head coach Jerry Moore, and the assistant coaches and support personnel who all played critical roles in this historic victory. In addition, I would like to congratulate Dr. Kenneth E. Peacock, chancellor of Appalachian State University, Charles Cobb, athletic director, and all of the students and fans to whom this win meant so much.●

#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARLSBAD MEDICAL CENTER

● Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the Carlsbad Medical Center for reaching its 30th birthday. I had the pleasure of being the keynote speaker during the dedication ceremony in 1977. Since then, the hospital has grown and weathered many changes over the last 30 years.

The medical field has experienced many advances and changes in the past three decades. New technology has brought many new ways of treating patients. Technology has increased the

number of patients served and helped to increase test accuracy. The future will bring many more medical advances, and I am certain this facility will be ready for anything that comes its way.

The Carlsbad Medical Center has aged gracefully and along the way has helped thousands of patients in need. It has been an honor to watch this facility and the progress they have made over the last 30 years. I look forward to another 30 years of growth.●

#### SALUTING THE AUGUSTINE AND STRASSER FAMILIES

● Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, today I call to the attention of my colleagues three very special families from Rose Hill, IA, and their extraordinary contributions to our Nation.

First, a little bit of background. As we all know, the National Guard and the Reserves have been shouldering a huge share of the combat burden in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are not only away from their families, they are also away from their employers. Bear in mind that these are citizen soldiers. In civilian life, they are teachers, firefighters, farmers, attorneys, and members of just about every other profession. And when they are deployed, their employers also have to make sacrifices.

Every year, the Department of Defense presents its Freedom Award to a small number of employers that go above and beyond the call of duty in supporting employees who are deployed with the Guard or Reserve. This year, one of those employers is Augustine & Sons farm in Rose Hill, IA.

Augustine & Sons is not one of those big corporate conglomerate farms. We are talking about a family farm owned and worked by brothers Dan and Mike Augustine. They are the sixth generation of the Augustines to farm this land since it was homesteaded in 1852. They have just two employees on the farm, and one of those employees is Matthew Strasser, a first sergeant with the Iowa National Guard who is on his second deployment overseas. First Sergeant Strasser previously served in Kosovo, and he is now deployed in Afghanistan.

The next time we see one of those bumper stickers that says, "Support Our Troops," we should think of the Augustine families. When First Sergeant Strasser left for Afghanistan, the Augustines lost one-half of their two-man workforce. But the Augustine brothers have continued to pay his entire salary, including an annual bonus. The Strasser family continues to live rent-free in a house on the farm. The Augustine families look in on the Strassers like they are just one big family—helping with chores, taking the boys fishing, and much more.

It is just an extraordinary story of good, decent people going the extra mile—I should say, the extra 100 miles—to extend a helping hand and to

be endlessly generous. The Augustines may have a relatively small farm, but they have very big hearts.

The Augustine and Strasser families are in Washington today, and the Augustines will be presented with a 2007 Freedom Award at a special dinner this evening. It was a great honor to have them at my weekly constituent breakfast this morning. I had the pleasure of meeting Dan Augustine, his wife Teresa and son Ryan; Mike Augustine, his wife Leesa, and son Caitlin; and Jessica Strasser, the wife of 1SG Matthew Strasser, and their sons Reece and Tyler.

I am sure that the entire Senate joins me in saluting 1SG Matthew Strasser for his courageous service in Afghanistan and also for the sacrifices on the homefront by Jessica Strasser and their sons. We also are deeply grateful to the Augustine families for their generosity and their very special brand of patriotism.

Yesterday, Americans commemorated the anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks. It has always struck me that those attacks, which represented humanity at its very worst, have led to so many acts of generosity and sacrifice that represent humanity at its very best. The Augustine and Strasser families make me very proud to be an American, and it was wonderful to meet them this morning.●

#### HONORING MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL A. GORMAN

● Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I pay tribute to MG Michael A. Gorman. September 15, 2007, will mark the end of an illustrious, 41 year career that began on March 7, 1966. Major General Gorman is a home-grown South Dakotan who has served his State and Nation with distinction.

Major General Gorman began his distinguished service to the Nation by enlisting in the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1966. In 1974, he was commissioned an engineer officer upon graduating from the South Dakota Officer Candidate School program. He has held numerous positions in the 109th Engineer Battalion, commanded South Dakota's 88th Troop Command, served as Director of Human Resources, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, and Assistant Adjutant General for the South Dakota Army National Guard. Major General Gorman also serves on the Governor's cabinet as the Secretary of Military and Veteran's Affairs. In this capacity, he is the principle adviser to the Governor on military and veteran matters. He is concluding his meritorious career as the Adjutant General for the South Dakota National Guard.

I would like to personally thank Major General Gorman for his service as the Adjutant General with the South Dakota National Guard. His military service, patriotism, and dedication to the National Guard and South Dakota's veterans have been invaluable, and I commend him for his

dedication to our country and our State during the many years he has served. I have enjoyed working with him on a variety of issues and appreciate the compassion and understanding he has shown to the men and women under his command, especially during these very challenging times for our Nation and our military.

His efforts to recruit, train, equip, and mobilize South Dakotans for service have been critical to the Guard's mission accomplishment, as has his commitment to care for our State's veterans. His outstanding service on behalf of our State's service men and women is appreciated; he has set an exceptional example for military personnel to follow.

I commend him for all he has done for the people of South Dakota. His dedicated service to our grateful Nation will not be forgotten.●

#### TRIBUTE TO WGNO-TV, NEW ORLEANS

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, today I wish to speak about a television station in my hometown of New Orleans. As all our local news media have, WGNO-TV/ABC 26 has been there through thick and through thin, telling Louisiana's story of recovery following Hurricane Katrina. But often missed as you watch the local news broadcasts and read the local papers is that the story of rebuilding and recovery these journalists are telling is as much their own story as it is the community's.

After many years broadcasting from New Orleans' World Trade Center, WGNO moved into a new studio facility at the New Orleans Centre, near the Louisiana Superdome, just a few weeks before Katrina hit. Forced out of the space by the approaching storm, they broadcast their coverage from ABC station WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge, as well as various locations on the road, reporting from the heart of the devastation.

When they moved back to New Orleans to begin telling the story of rebuilding, they told it from a facility all too familiar to their viewers—a set of trailers parked behind the Superdome. A makeshift studio and control room were assembled in part with equipment procured on the Internet. Months later, after a decision was made to not reopen the New Orleans Centre, effectively evicting the station, WGNO moved back into the World Trade Center facility they had vacated in July 2005.

Tonight, WGNO formally celebrates the opening of a brand-new broadcast center in Metairie, Louisiana. Their first broadcast from their new home was on August 29—the 2-year anniversary of Katrina—and I was proud to be their first in-studio guest.

It took 2 years for the hard-working staff of WGNO to move into a permanent new home. For many of my constituents, it will be much longer. But one guiding light will be, as it has been since the storm first struck, the dedi-

cated reporting of our local news organizations—not just WGNO, but also their colleagues at WWL-TV, WVUE-TV and WDSU-TV, our local radio stations, the Times Picayune and our vibrant weekly community papers, and all the others who have stayed with us every minute of these difficult 2 years. Even as many of their own reporters, engineers and other personnel have faced their own tremendous challenges, having in many cases lost homes and loved ones, they have continued to be a voice for our great city and State.

I congratulate WGNO as they celebrate their new home, and thank them and all of our local news media for their continued service.●

#### HONORING LOOK'S GOURMET FOOD COMPANY, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, today I celebrate the recent inclusion of a small business from my home State of Maine on the Inc. 5,000 list of this Nation's fastest-growing private companies. Look's Gourmet Food Company, Inc., of Whiting has been a dominant player in the canned food industry since its inception in 1917. Notably, during the past 3 years, the company has grown over 200 percent, garnering the attention of Inc., a magazine that reports on small business and entrepreneurship issues. Companies on the list were ranked based on their percentage of revenue growth between 2003 and 2006. Moreover, all the firms had to be based in the United States, independent, and privately held. Of particular distinction is that Look's Gourmet Food Company placed 41st among 160 food and beverage companies subcategory. This is truly an honor for the State of Maine—especially for downeast Maine.

When Mike Cote became the owner of the former A.M. Look Canning Company in April 2003, he set out to increase sales and promote a positive view of canned seafood. He began by changing the seafood processor's name to Look's Gourmet Food Company and redesigning the labels on the cans. Since that time, sales have tripled, and the company has acquired new equipment to keep up with growing demand. In addition, through the community development block grant program, Look's has purchased a warehouse in the nearby former Cutler Navy base dedicated to packing and shipping. A business that continues to grow, Look's currently employs 21 full-time workers.

Look's Gourmet Food Company boasts a line of over 30 products including: whole Maine lobster meat, Maine cherrystone clams, clam chowder, lobster bisque, and clam juice. Look's also cans four varieties of beans, a traditional downeast Maine dessert known as Indian pudding, and more recently, has added kippers, herring, and mackerel to its seafood repertoire. The company produces small, 60-gallon batches of its chowders and bisques, while re-

fusing to use additives or preservatives, rendering an unvarnished product. What makes Look's so unique is that it is the last remaining multiproduct food cannery in Maine, and one of just three food canneries in the State.

Forming unique partnerships, Look's teams up with other local companies to produce high-quality foods. For instance, Look's has five different sauces that it uses when packing its herring fillets, including one made using products from Raye's Mustard which is made locally in Eastport. Additionally, to bolster another small business, Look's gives discarded mussel shells to Artful Wares, a Maine enterprise that makes silverware handles from crushed shells, thereby reducing waste and ensuring Artful Wares a supply of shells.

In listing Look's Gourmet Food on its 5,000 list, Inc. noted that Look's is growing due to its use of all-natural ingredients, as well as the sale of products in both specialty and mainstream grocery stores. Inc. also points to Look's export business to Japan and its desire to sell in Europe. This proactive business model has benefitted Look's as well, and the company has certainly earned the recognition it has received. I congratulate Mike Cote and everyone at Look's Gourmet Food for their exceptional achievement.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AS RECEIVED DURING RECESS OF THE SENATE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2007—PM 24

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a