

Travarus Bennett led the team in steals, his quick hands averaged 2.6 per game. Markus Austin, Johann Collins, Kevin Mickens, Antoine Hyman, Tyrone Levett, Issa Konare, Melvin Credde, and Tyrone Barley round out the roster of the championship squad.

The extended Frost Heaves coaching staff includes assistant coaches Wayne Lafley and Marvin Safford; strength and conditioning coach Scott Caulfield; assistant coach and statistician Mark Saltus; and athletic trainer Meggan Robinson. The Frost Heaves staff worked to establish a balance of physical strength and mental toughness in each player.

Today, the sounds of cowbells echoing off the necks of Holsteins grazing in the fields of Vermont instills a bit of excitement in Frost Heaves' fans eagerly awaiting another winter of basketball. I hope my friends in the Senate will joining me in congratulating the Vermont Frost Heaves for a great season and wishing them even more success next winter.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO RAY KUNTZ

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, the American adventurer, war hero, and 26th President of the United States Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Far away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." And there is no work worth doing more than making sure our Nation's trucking industry runs smooth, and nobody works harder than my good friend Ray Kuntz.

As a fellow Montanan, Ray knows the value of hard work and has always been willing to roll up his sleeves and put in a full day. As the CEO of Watkins & Shepard Trucking, which is based in my hometown of Helena, Ray has helped transform a small business into a thriving enterprise. With more than 700 trucks and drivers and 1,000 employees, Watkins & Shepard has made their mark on the trucking industry. I remember attending the Watkins & Shepard driving school, and I can say firsthand that it was top notch.

Now, Ray will undertake a new challenge, taking the reins of the American Trucking Association as the chairman. Ray is no stranger to the ATA, and he is no stranger to success. As vice-chairman of the ATA, Ray helped to revolutionize the trucking industry. Combining cutting-edge technology and a passion for trucking, Ray helped to launch GetTrucking.com. This innovative Web site used humor, timely information, and eye-grabbing graphics to help recruit new drivers and keep trucking the vanguard of America's transportation industry.

As chairman, Ray will continue to use his drive, his creativity, and his passion to lead the ATA boldly into the 21st century. With his chairmanship, Ray has made the working folks the

hallmark of his term. For those of us who know him, this is no surprise. Ray has always remembered his roots and the hard-working men and women he has served along the way.

With Ray at the helm, the ATA is on the path to an even more successful future as the voice of the men and women who are either behind the wheel, or behind the scenes, of the trucking industry.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRAFTON, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that celebrated its 125th anniversary. On June 21 to 23, the residents of Grafton gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Grafton is a vibrant community in northeastern North Dakota with the Park River running through it. Grafton serves as the county seat of Walsh County. The post office in Grafton was established with Thomas E. Cooper serving as postmaster on May 20, 1879. Cooper named the community after his wife's home of Grafton County, NH. By 1883, the city had 2,000 residents, with Stewart Cairncross serving as the first mayor. Today, Grafton is still one of the larger communities in North Dakota.

Residents of Grafton are proud of their community and what it has to offer. Residents strongly support the youth in the community and enjoy local sports events. Annually, the community hosts a "Spirit of the Season" festival, which includes breakfast with Santa, live concerts, horse-drawn wagon rides, and a bonfire in the park.

Grafton residents have been dedicated to increasing the size of the community through economic development. Since implementing this program, the community is now home to Marvin Windows and Doors, a vibrant business that has helped fund incentives for individuals wishing to relocate to Grafton.

The community of Grafton celebrated its 125th anniversary with live music, parades, a demolition derby, and tours of the Heritage Village and the school.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Grafton, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Grafton and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Grafton that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Grafton has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUNSEITH, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I recognize a community in North Da-

kota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 13 to 15, the residents of Dunseith will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Dunseith is a historic community located in north central North Dakota, only 14 miles away from the Canadian border. Founded by Giles Gilbert in 1882, Dunseith was settled by European immigrants and members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. In its early years, people were drawn to Dunseith because of the amount of land in the area made available under the Homestead Act.

Just a short distance from Dunseith is the International Peace Garden. Founded in 1932, this 2,339-acre garden along the northern border symbolizes the peace, cooperation, and friendship between the United States and Canada. It is a treasure of more than 150,000 flowers, fountains, a sunken garden, and other notable structures that promote the garden's message of peace.

Dunseith really is, as the residents say, an area undiscovered by the rest of the country. With the beautiful Turtle Mountains just nearby, residents like to spend time hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, and participating in various other outdoor activities.

Today, Dunseith has much to celebrate. Its quasiquintennial celebration is occurring at the same time as the International Peace Garden's 75th anniversary, and it is bound to be a weekend worth taking in. With 450 registered participants already, the guests will enjoy an all-school reunion, parade, art show, all faith service, demolition derby, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Dunseith, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Dunseith and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Dunseith that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTLAND, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 20 to 22, the residents of Portland will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

The rural community of Portland is located in the beautiful and serene valley of the Goose River. Like so many rural towns in North Dakota, Portland was established by a railroad. The town was named Portland because railroad officials considered it the midway point between Portland, ME, and Portland, OR. In 1883 it was incorporated as

a village. The Dakota territory's first insurance company was chartered in Portland in 1885.

Portland has come a long way since its beginnings in the early 1880s. The town has built a rich heritage of agriculture but has also grown to incorporate technology, manufacturing, and health services. Portland has been described by its citizens as the way America is supposed to be. The MayPort Community Center offers the chance for recreational activities such as ice skating and hockey.

The community of Portland is the ideal location for its residents to grow and prosper together. To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the town will hold several golf tournaments, a parade, comedic acts, and a street dance.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Portland, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Portland and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Portland that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARTHUR, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 13 to 15, the residents of Arthur will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Arthur is a small town in eastern North Dakota with a population of 402. Despite its small size, Arthur holds an important place in North Dakota's history. Originally named Rosedale, the settlement was renamed Arthur in 1881 in honor of Chester Alan Arthur, the 21st President of the United States. The post office was established in 1881, as was the lumber yard and the first general store, the Hall-Larson Store. Arthur was incorporated as a village in 1921.

Today, the economy of Arthur is largely based on agriculture. The Arthur Mercantile, the First State Bank, and the Arthur Companies are family businesses that have been present in the community for over 100 years. This is a remarkable feat for such a small town. The town is also home to the Arthur Center, a notable good samaritan center, which will celebrate its 80th anniversary this summer, and two churches.

Arthur's motto "small town, big heart" truly captures the essence of the town and its residents. The people of Arthur enjoy socializing, attending sporting events, and working together for the betterment of the community. The town has an exciting celebration

planned that includes an all-school reunion, a parade, a fireman's rodeo, street dance, community worship, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Arthur, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Arthur and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Arthur that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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HONORING THE LONE STAR FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

● Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, LSFTF, for its exemplary service to the Western District of Texas. The LSFTF, which commenced its work in May of 2005, is the principal law enforcement agency responsible for fugitive enforcement in the Western District of Texas. Sponsored by the prestigious U.S. Marshals Service, the LSFTF maintains offices in Alpine, Austin, Del Rio, El Paso, Midland, Pecos, San Antonio, and Waco. Bringing both local and Federal fugitives to justice, the task force continues to serve the public through its unrelenting hard work.

Although the LSFTF has only been in existence for 2 years, it led the Nation in arrests in 2006 and has been recognized as one of the most effective fugitive task forces in the United States. Garnering acclaim across the Nation, the task force has not only protected the citizens of the Texas localities in which it is based but has also helped construct a safer nation as a whole.

The Lone Star Fugitive Task Force's perpetual success in capturing perilous fugitives stems in part from its innovative officer instruction and groundbreaking education in modern fugitive hunting techniques.

Realizing the value of its proximity to the Mexican border, the LSFTF frequently works in tandem with Mexican law enforcement officials in order to promote international security. The organization has earned a stellar reputation among surrounding districts and across international borders for its reliability in dealing with fugitives fleeing across national boundary lines into Mexico.

In April 2006, the resolute task force played an instrumental role in leading Operation FALCON II, a 7-day collaborative effort between law enforcement agencies across the Western United States. The operation was immeasurably successful in apprehending thousands of fugitives, including hundreds which were being sought out for sexual offenses.

In response to its sustained track record of excellence, the Lone Star Fu-

gitive Task Force was selected to host, in September 2006, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's, NCMEC, national pilot training program, made possible by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act passed earlier that year. Under the guidance of the LSFTF, the program's agenda focused on the improvement of vital skills for U.S. marshals to gain a better understanding of the motives and patterns of sexual offenders. Such an ambitious plan has aided the U.S. Marshal Service in their success in detaining this dangerous variety of criminal.

From its own pioneering methods to its cooperative efforts and rigid style of law enforcement, the LSFTF has made a positive impact on the communities it serves and continues to set a shining example for law enforcement agencies across the country. By doing so, the organization has, in its own modest way, assisted in ensuring the freedom and well-being of Americans across the country.

For these reasons, among many others, I would like to recognize the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force for its tremendous success. By bringing hazardous fugitives to justice and striving to improve the security of the general public, the LSFTF successfully works for the betterment of the communities and the Nation it humbly serves.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on July 2, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD):

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

S. 1704. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 2, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

S. 1704. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated: