

these techniques, particularly the so-called control positions, and by his efforts to continue the techniques after they had been suspended. And, while I have no reason to believe that General McChrystal would not adhere to current law and policy, I am troubled by his failure to express any regret for his previous positions. Finally, I am concerned about General McChrystal's public testimony, which sought to convey that he was "uncomfortable" with various interrogation techniques and sought to "reduce" their use. Given the full history of his approach to interrogations, this testimony appears to be incomplete, at best.

NORTHWESTERN'S NCAA CHAMPIONS

Mr. BURRIS. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure and sincere pride that I congratulate the Northwestern University women's lacrosse team on winning another NCAA Championship.

As a lifelong Illinoisan and an avid sports fan, I am happy to celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of these young women.

In a crowded field of worthy contenders from across the Nation, this Wildcat team rose to the occasion and claimed a fifth straight national title.

Their consistency, grit, and determination is exemplified by their perfect record for the season: 23 to 0, capped off by a resounding victory over the third-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels.

The Northwestern women's lacrosse team also consistently ranks in the top 10 to 15 percent of academic achievement in the NCAA's Annual Academic Report.

It is clear from their record that the Wildcats excelled every time they took the field, but, more importantly, they excelled in the classroom and in the community.

I am proud of this team because they recognized that "student" is supposed to come before "athlete" in the phrase "student athlete."

For many athletes, college sports have become a launching pad for fame and fortune, but on this team you may find doctors, lawyers, and maybe even a senator or two.

Although the games may not have been broadcast to a national audience or as widely covered by the media, the women's lacrosse team deserves just as much recognition as their male counterparts.

They have sacrificed sleep for early morning workouts, weekends for competition, and played a sport that practically requires the commitment of a full-time job, but all the while, they continued to attend class and maintain their studies.

College athletics require a remarkable amount of dedication, and this team deserves notable recognition even if their scores weren't reported on the nightly news or the front page of newspapers. Their demonstrated character

and sportsmanship marks them as role models for aspiring athletes throughout the State. Their athletic performance and strong record of academic achievement place them at the pinnacle of intercollegiate success. Although several players may be honored with individual awards, this national title belongs to each and every member of the team.

This victory reminds us that we have the chance to shine only with the support of our comrades, our friends, our teammates. It is through persistent and concerted effort that we reach our potential, and when we inevitably fall, it is only through the strength and grace of our friends that we can pick ourselves up and journey onward.

The teamwork displayed by these young women throughout the season, even under mounting pressure and enormous expectations, allowed them to carry the day. They have done their university, and their State, proud. We should all draw inspiration from their fine example.

With this championship, the Northwestern Wildcats have cemented their position as the top Lacrosse program in the country. They are quickly approaching the record of seven consecutive titles currently held by Maryland, and, like many Illinoisans, I can hardly wait for what will surely be an exciting season next year.

It is with great pride that Senator DURBIN and I come together to celebrate this national championship. And we are proud to offer a Senate resolution congratulating these talented athletes.

In the spirit of good sportsmanship displayed by the Northwestern women's lacrosse team throughout the season, I ask my colleagues to join with us in congratulating these student athletes on their remarkable accomplishment.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING JOSHUA FAIRLEY

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I would like to continue the efforts of Senator KAUFMAN and the Partnership for Public Service by honoring an outstanding federal employee in Mississippi.

Public servants fulfill remarkable duties in the government, and their accomplishments deserve grateful recognition.

Mr. Joshua Fairley, an employee at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center, USACE-ERDC, in Vicksburg, is a distinguished public servant for his development of new technology to improve the detection accuracy of improvised explosive devices for our Armed Forces. Improvised explosive devices are commonly used in terrorist attacks and have become a principal source of fatalities for men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Mr. Fairley's new technology has resulted in a 75 percent improvement rating for detection accuracy. This Mississippian has used his intelligence to serve our country and protect our troops.

Mr. Fairley was inspired to become a Federal employee because of his desire to make a difference, and he has done so by recognizing challenges and using his skills to overcome them.

I am glad that Senator KAUFMAN has initiated this effort; our Federal employees deserve recognition for the important role they fill.

Mr. Fairley is committed to our Nation, and his contributions have made him the prime example of an outstanding Federal employee.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLUNT, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Blunt, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Blunt is a rural community infused with hospitality, beauty, and an exceptional quality of life.

The city of Blunt was settled in 1884 and named after the chief engineer of the Chicago and Northwestern railway, Mr. John E. Blunt. Few early railroad towns in South Dakota were able to boast of the wide variety of early establishments, including 6 hotels, 12 grocers, 9 lumber yards, 5 saloons, and 4 bakeries.

Today, Blunt has come a long way from its days as a railroad supply center. The town still boasts a variety of businesses, including those in both the service and manufacturing sectors. The Graham Mentor Museum and the REA building are just two examples of continuous efforts to bring the community closer.

The people of Blunt celebrate this momentous occasion on the weekend of June 26–28, 2009. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our State. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Blunt and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be South Dakotan. One hundred and twenty-five years after its founding, Blunt remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful State of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Blunt on this historic milestone.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELK POINT, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 150th anniversary of the founding of the community of Elk Point, SD. After 150 years, this historic community will have a chance to reflect on its past accomplishments and its future goals, and I congratulate this thriving community for all it has done.

Elk Point's colorful history begins with the Lewis & Clark expedition of 1804 when the explorers camped in this area in 1804 and again in 1806. Eli Wixson built a cabin in 1859, becoming the first citizen of Elk Point.

Today, Elk Point's location makes it an ideal location for a variety of businesses with two Interstate 29 exits, a railway hub with service in three directions, and close proximity to the Missouri River for both economic and entertainment purposes. This thriving town is the county seat of Union County, the ninth fastest growing county in the United States in terms of family income.

Elk Point exemplifies a traditional South Dakota community with its close-knit community with a high quality of life. The citizens are independent and welcoming, and the educational system is advanced with modern technology and advanced placement classes.

The citizens of Elk Point will be celebrating their rich heritage June 26–28, 2009 with an All-Class Reunion, Amy's Race for breast cancer research, and various games and entertainment. I congratulate the citizens of Elk Point on their accomplishments over the last 150 years and look forward to seeing their future endeavors.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CANOVA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize Immanuel Lutheran Church of Canova, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. This historic church has been a cornerstone of both the community and the Synod. Immanuel Lutheran Church has seen its share of struggles, but has always grown stronger from them. Today, I pay tribute to both the anniversary of the church and to the members who have kept its traditions of service and faith alive for 150 years.

The church was founded in 1884 with Rev. J. Reyhout as its pastor. The members, mainly German immigrants, joined the Ohio Synod and built the first church in 1891. The current church was completed in 1914. Known as the "German Church" or "German Lutheran", the congregation's welcome spirit for recent immigrants led to services being held in German. In 1940, they transitioned to every other week in English and German. In 1952, German services were discontinued. Immanuel joined the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1988 on its founding.

Although changes have been coming to this community since its founding, Immanuel Lutheran Church has held steady to the core values that it was founded on. With outreach to the prison, food shelters, and the community, these members have maintained the initial ideals of service and devotion. I congratulate this congregation on reaching this monumental anniversary,

and look forward to the future as they continue their traditions.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEBANON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Lebanon, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. This historic anniversary gives the community the chance to reflect on their strong history as well as their optimistic future.

Lebanon was founded by farmers in 1883. Small businesses quickly sprung up in the town and continued to grow for 50 years. In 1926, they built an outdoor swimming pool, which is the oldest of its type today. Lebanon was given two cedar trees by the government of the Country of Lebanon, one of which still lives today.

To celebrate the town's achievement, there will be a weekend of festivities from June 20–21, 2009, with a parade, tractor pull, and various entertainers. While the population of Lebanon has declined, the spirit of the town maintains their strong work ethic and united spirit. Small towns like Lebanon are the backbone of South Dakota, and the people of this community make me proud to represent them.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I rise in order to pay tribute to the community of McLaughlin on reaching its 100th year. This strong town was founded as a railroad community for refueling and replenishment, as well as a center for Indian trade. In celebration of their centennial, there will be a tractor pull, parade, and entertainment throughout the weekend of June 18–21, 2009.

The citizens created a thriving business community soon after it was settled. Large cattle operations were run through the area and McLaughlin became a center for many activities, including trade with residents, both Indian and non-Indian. In 1889, the Standing Rock Reservation was formed, with McLaughlin at the center of the reservation on the South Dakota side. The town was named after MAJ James McLaughlin, a superintendent of Standing Rock, and the town was officially incorporated October 7, 1909. This community now has a grain elevator complex as well as a livestock auction market in town and continues as a traditional hub for its residents. The home of the Mighty Midgets has long been successful, both in the classroom and athletics.

As they reach this monumental anniversary, McLaughlin will have the opportunity to reflect on its diverse and enriched past as well as the opportunities for its future. This community has been noted for its shared history and I congratulate them on reaching their centennial.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVILLO, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Revillo, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Revillo is a warm community, filled with historical beauty and a strong sense of hospitality.

The town of Revillo was founded on the homestead of John Hillstrom in 1884 when the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway entered the area. The Revillo flour mill was built in 1904, where farmers would bring their wheat crop to have it made into Monogram flour to meet their annual needs. In the years before World War I, Revillo was booming with businesses, including two implement dealers, a drug store, two banks, three elevators, and an Opera House.

Today, Revillo is maintaining its history with four churches in town, many members having a lineal connection to those who first established the churches. This thriving community is also looking forward with a modern school and lighted athletic field, the Revillo Farmers Co-op elevator, and a maintainer for the Grant County highway department.

The people of Revillo are celebrating their heritage and their accomplishments June 20–21, 2009. One hundred and twenty-five years after its founding, Revillo holds its history close while continually looking to the future, demonstrating what is great about South Dakota, and why I am proud to call this great State home.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENECA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Seneca, South Dakota. After 125 years, this agrarian community will have the chance to reflect on both its industrious history as well as the potential of its future.

Beginning with a sod shanty that served as a stopping post as well as the local post office, Seneca began to thrive after the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad pushed west and created the town in 1886. After drawing the name Seneca from a hat, the town immediately began to boom with local businesses being brought in from the surrounding towns. Seneca transitioned from a cattle range to a farming community, with progressive modern conveniences including a notable water system.

This strong town has bound together throughout the years to accomplish whatever came their way. From sending engraved gold rings with their soldiers to World War I in 1917, to building a community center for one thousand dollars in 1937, the citizens of Seneca support their town and its people. This spirit of unity has sustained Seneca through one hundred and twenty-five years of changes and will support them