

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE ALCOA HIGH SCHOOL TORNADOES FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on December 1st of this year, the Alcoa High School Tornadoes football team finished their season with a perfect 15-0 record, and won the Class 2A state championship with a 27-20 victory over Union City High School at this year's championship game in Murfreesboro, TN.

This fairytale season came to a close as the Tornadoes stopped a Union City touchdown attempt, in the final seconds, at the goal line to win the championship. This is the school's fifth championship football season, and they have 17 starters returning for the 2001-2002 season next fall.

When I spoke at the celebration event at the Alcoa High School football field this past Saturday, I told the story of former Baltimore Orioles' third baseman Brooks Robinson, a Hall of Famer. Robinson once said that there were only a few in the Hall of Fame who got there mostly on superior athletic ability. Robinson said that the other 600 or so got there because of drive, determination, discipline, and desire. These players possess the same qualities, both individually and collectively as a team.

Released this week, The Associated Press Class 2A All-State football team included 7 members from the Alcoa Tornadoes. "It was a pleasant surprise to have that many kids on the team," Alcoa Head Coach Scott Meadows said, "but I think every one of them deserves it."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Head Coach Scott Meadows and the Alcoa High School Tornadoes for their glorious victory. I also submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following news articles printed in the Knoxville News Sentinel. The team's leadership, strength, and determination should be recognized by all, and their sportsmanship and dedication are at a level that should be followed by every high school team in this Country.

[From the News-Sentinel, Dec. 10, 2000]

ALCOA HONORS ITS 15-0 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

(By Stan DeLozier)

ALCOA.—Alcoa High School principal Kevin Smith said he didn't want to put anybody on the spot, but it would be no surprise if he is helping celebrate another state championship a year from now.

His optimism is not without reason.

"We have 17 starters back," coach Scott Meadows said, "nine on offense and eight on defense."

Several hundred Tornadoes' fans turned out Saturday afternoon to celebrate the school's fifth football championship season, completed Dec. 1 in Murfreesboro with a 27-20 squeaker over Union City. Alcoa finished the season with a 15-0 record.

The team featured seven All-Staters. Four of them—Michael George, Ben Love, Gregory Martin and David Hill—return next fall.

Aside from the championship game, which ended with a goal-line stand with 13 seconds to play, only Loudon among Class 2A opponents played the Tornadoes tough. Alcoa won 21-14 during the regular season and again 26-2 in the playoffs. However, the Redskins are moving up to Class 3A next season. Heritage a 5A school, lost to Alcoa 17-13.

During the celebration at Alcoa's Goddard Field, George (the Tornadoes' quarterback) and linebacker Daniel Pierce were presented state championship game balls.

Although George connected on 13-of-23 passes for 245 yards, Union City running back Mario McElrath was chosen most valuable offensive player in the championship game.

Alcoa athletic director Rob Daugherty was cheered when he said, "I think we ought to demand a recount."

Pierce teamed with Hill in stuffing McElrath inches from the goal on Union City's last offensive play.

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Duncan, who was among the dignitaries attending the celebration, said the team's success reminded him of a story told by former Baltimore Orioles' third baseman Brooks Robinson, a Hall of Famer. Robinson mentioned there were a few in the Hall of Fame who got there mostly on superior athletic ability.

"Robinson said the other 600 or so got there because of their drive, willingness to work and dedication," Duncan said. "This team has the same qualities."

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ALCOA DOMINATES 2A ALL-STATE

A state championship was the goal all along for the Alcoa High School football team. The by-product this week is respect.

The Tornadoes, ranked No. 2 most of the season, placed seven players on The Associated Press Class 2A All-State football team released this week.

Alcoa completed its 2000 season with a 15-0 record and a state title with last week's 27-20 victory against previously unbeaten Union City. The 2A team is like a who's who of Alcoa and area players.

"The players went out every week talking about getting respect," Alcoa coach Scott Meadows said. "I think with seven first-team All-State players, they can say they've earned it."

"It was a pleasant surprise to have that many kids on the team, but I think every one of them deserves it."

The Tornadoes are represented by Michael George (quarterback), Ben Love (offensive lineman), James Rainer (all-purpose), Gregory Martin (defensive lineman), Tremayne Garner (linebacker), Jonathan Meschendorf (defensive back) and David Hill (punter).

Union City placed four players on the squad, led by Mr. Football winner Mario McElrath.

Austin-East defensive tackle Stephen Booker also earned All-State honors. The 6-foot-2, 295-pound junior was the Roadrunners' primary run-stopping force in the middle.

David Roncska of Loudon, the Mr. Football winner at linebacker, was the other area All-State selection.

In Division II, Bryan White of Webb and Nick Wilson of Catholic earned All-State.

White led the Spartans in tackles and won the Division II—Small Mr. Football Lineman award. Wilson led Knoxville in receiving with 71 catches for 1,399 yards and 10 TDs.

In Class 1A, Sunbright placed three players on the team after running through the regular season unbeaten. Quarterback Drew Morgan made it as an all-purpose athlete. Averil Chaney made it as an offensive lineman and Wes Jones as a linebacker.

Steven Sears of Midway also made it as a linebacker.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE LADY AND GENTLEMEN WHO SERVED THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS MAYORS

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as elected public officials, we know the hard work and the personal sacrifices it takes to earn the trust and keep the mandate of our constituencies. In my home island of Guam, there are no elected officials who are closer to their constituencies, or work harder in their behalf, even after an election, than our village Mayors. Guam is a small place with a relatively small population, and our people are not far removed from their elected officials—myself included. This intimacy, and the expectation of direct and immediate access, is especially true of our Mayors.

In a few weeks, seven of Guam's village Mayors will leave office, after having served the residents of their respective villages cumulatively for many, many years. Some have opted for retirement; others have had to accept that option. All have served with distinction; all have a deep and abiding love for their people; and all are proud servants of Guam. I would like to take this occasion to commend the Honorable Rossana Diwa San Miguel, the Mayor of Chalan Pago and Ordot; the Honorable Jose Agualo Rivera, the Mayor of Dededo; the Honorable Luis San Nicolas Herrero, the Mayor of Tamuning; the Honorable Raymond Sablan Laguana, the Mayor of Barrigada; the Honorable Jesse Leon Guerrero Perez, the Mayor of Inarajan; the Honorable Jesus A. Aquiningoc, the Mayor of Umatac; and the Honorable Vicente S. Taitague, the Mayor of Talofofo, who have unselfishly contributed years of valuable service to their respective home villages and to the island of Guam.

Chalan Pago/Ordot Mayor Rossana San Miguel, who has the distinction of being named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Soroptomist International of the Marianas, remains an advocate for the rights of women, children and families, and for an improved quality of life for the people of Ordot and Chalan Pago. She was an active community member long before her election as Mayor in

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