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## CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CARPER. Madam President, the first time I visited the University of Delaware campus was in 1973. My first reaction was: what a beautiful place, and it truly is a gorgeous campus. Later, as I learned more about the university, I learned they were one of the top 25 public universities in the country academically and have remained that for some time. We are proud of that fact.

What I also learned my first year at the University of Delaware in the MBA program, fresh out of the Navy, was they played football at Delaware. I was a Buckeye of Ohio State in 1968 when we went all the way. I learned they were as rabid about football in Delaware as we were in Columbus, OH.

During the years that transpired since I moved to Delaware, there was a time when the Dallas Cowboys rose in standing nationally, and I recall in some circles it was America's team. I was looking through the roster of Delaware's team last night to see some of the States our players came from. While I did not find anybody from Alaska, the State from which the Presiding Officer

comes, I certainly saw a number of players from Delaware, from New Jersey, a number of players from Maryland, a lot of players from Virginia, California, Georgia—quite a few from Georgia—and Pennsylvania. We have players from South Carolina, North Carolina, Indiana, Connecticut, Michigan, New York, Florida, Arizona. We even have one, I say to Senator Biden, I don't know if he realizes it, but we even have one player on the roster from Germany. That is going the extra mile to get the kind of talent K. C. Keeler and his predecessor, Tubby Raymond, wanted to bring to our campus.

I have been privileged to enjoy a lot of terrific sports moments in my life. This last year, the University of Delaware football team on its way to the national championship provided us with two I will never forget.

One was a 51 to 45 win over Massachusetts in triple overtime on a blustery fall afternoon at the University of Delaware. It was a heart stopper. It was an amazing win, topped only by a 40 to 0 victory over Colgate on a very cold night in December of last year.

I have been to a lot of games in my life. I have never been to a game where everybody on our side of the field stood up the entire first quarter. They never sat down. I have never been to a game in my life where everybody stood up for the second quarter, and third quarter, and the fourth quarter. We had places to sit, but nobody ever sat down. It was just the most incredible spirit or euphoria I ever witnessed.

When the game was over, the players and a lot of fans rushed the field in the presentation of the trophy to Coach Keeler. The fans gathered around. People did not want to leave. I remember standing half an hour later at one end of the end zone with Congressman Castle looking out over the field and looking at everybody in sheer joy, savoring the moment.

Another special moment was when Coach Keeler went into the end zone with Tubby Raymond, his predecessor and coach when Keeler was a linebacker with the national championship team in the late seventies. Tubby handed it off and Coach Keeler went on to the national championship.

For some of the players who left the field that night, it was the last football game they will ever play. Others will go on to be greats in professional football. Some may be lucky to turn up as Rich Gannon did, who ended up being the MVP of the NFL last year, whether they end up in pro football or other athletic-related endeavors. Sometimes they go on to do great things with their life, such as Tyrone Jones, who was a freshman in 1982, one of the years Delaware made it to the finals for the national championship and did not make it by three points. Tyrone Jones is now New Castle County coordinator. He is in charge of all of New Castle County. Back in 1982, he was a freshman playing for a great team, and in

1983, 1984, 1985, he played free safety for some of Tubby's teams.

Tubby Raymond, who is now in the Football Hall of Fame, had 300 career wins. Ty Jones was on the field for about 20 of those wins. We are very proud of him.

I want to say to those who might be watching from Delaware or here representing Delaware, whatever you do on the field or beyond, there is greatness to be accomplished, and we are proud of Ty and others who follow endeavors off of the gridiron.