

has helped bring both academic and athletic excellence to NDSU; and

Whereas the 2012 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision title was a victory not only for the NDSU football team, but also for the entire State of North Dakota: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the North Dakota State University football team, the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision champions;

(2) commends the North Dakota State University players, coaches, and staff for their hard work and dedication; and

(3) recognizes the students, alumni, and loyal fans for supporting the Bison on their successful quest to capture another Division I trophy for North Dakota State University.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 33—COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 33

Whereas, in 1863, the State of Kansas founded the Kansas State Normal School to provide opportunities for higher education in the fields of teaching, mechanic arts, agriculture, and various other arts and sciences;

Whereas the Kansas State Normal School became the Kansas State Teachers College in 1923, Emporia Kansas State College in 1974, and Emporia State University in 1977;

Whereas Emporia State University has prepared thousands of teachers in the United States through its nationally acclaimed teacher education programs;

Whereas Emporia State University is the host of the National Teachers Hall of Fame, which recognizes and honors exceptional career educators from throughout the United States;

Whereas Emporia State University offers outstanding and highly accredited programs, including programs in education, business, and library and information management;

Whereas Emporia State University is the alma mater of more than 75,000 proud alumni; and

Whereas the quality of Emporia State University as an institution of higher learning is a reflection of the extraordinary caliber of its educational professionals and students: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and extends its congratulations to the educational professionals, students, and alumni of Emporia State University for 150 years of excellence in higher education.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 34—COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 34

Whereas Kansas State University was established by the Territory of Kansas on February 9, 1858, as the Bluemont Central College Association, in response to the desire to provide higher education opportunities to farm families and working class individuals in Kansas;

Whereas on February 3, 1863, Kansas became one of the first States to accept the terms and conditions of the Act of July 2, 1862 (commonly known as the "First Morrill Act") (7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), which created the land-grant system of colleges and universities;

Whereas Kansas State Agricultural College, which is known today as Kansas State University, received a land-grant charter on February 16, 1863, making it the first operational land-grant institution in the United States;

Whereas since the inception of Kansas State University, the university has expanded the main campus in Manhattan to include campuses in Olathe and Salina;

Whereas students attending Kansas State University hail from all 50 States and 90 countries;

Whereas more than 200,000 alumni are proud to call Kansas State University their alma mater;

Whereas the commitment of Kansas State University to education is unparalleled; and

Whereas the history and stature of Kansas State University are secured by the exceptional caliber of the educational professionals and students: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and congratulates Kansas State University for 150 years of fulfilling the mission of a land-grant university.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 3 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Solutions to the Crisis Facing the U.S. Postal Service."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Comprehensive Immigration Reform."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 13, 2013, at 3:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Judicial Nominations."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 4 p.m. in room 432 of the Russell Senate Office building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Brian Huysman and Melissa Duru, fellows in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for this session of the 113th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 31, S. Res. 32, S. Res. 33, and S. Res. 34.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. I ask unanimous consent the resolutions by agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the resolutions be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Resolutions Submitted."

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume executive session and consideration of the nomination of Senator Hagel to be Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, earlier today cloture was filed on the Hagel nomination. That cloture vote is expected on Friday.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:46 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 14, 2013, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

RICHARD CORDRAY, OF OHIO, TO BE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

##### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

RICHARD F. GRIFFIN, JR., OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING AUGUST 27, 2016, VICE WILMA B. LIEBMAN, TERM EXPIRED.

SHARON BLOCK, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2014, VICE CRAIG BECKER.

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KAROL VIRGINIA MASON, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE LAURIE O. ROBINSON, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JOSEPH P. AUCOIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. BRIAN S. PECHA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. VICTOR W. HALL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. PRISCILLA B. COE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. CHRISTINA M. ALVARADO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. JAMES R. MCNEAL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. DANIEL L. GARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MARK J. FUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. ALMA M.O.L. GROCKI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. WILLIAM K. DAVIS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. DANIEL J. MACDONNELL

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 13, 2013:

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM H. ETTER

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. KENNETH E. TOVO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. BARBARA R. HOLCOMB

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. PATRICK D. SARGENT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. BRIAN C. LEIN  
BRIG. GEN. NADJA Y. WEST

##### THE JUDICIARY

WILLIAM J. KAYATTA, JR., OF MAINE, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT.

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF KORY D. BINGHAM, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL A. COOPER AND ENDING WITH SUSAN MICHELLE MILLER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH VICTOR DOUGLAS BROWN AND ENDING WITH RODNEY M. WAITE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH WALTER S. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH CARL E. SUPPLEE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOHN J. BARTRUM AND ENDING WITH GEORGE L. VALENTINE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KIMBERLY L. BARBER AND ENDING WITH JANET L. SETNOR, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DINA L. BERNSTEIN AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM R. YOUNGBLOOD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TIMOTHY LEE BRININGER AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER J. RYAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH FRANCIS XAVIER ALTIERI AND ENDING WITH KEVIN M. ZELLER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

##### IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF JONATHAN A. POSKEY, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MARION J. PARKS, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF KAREN A. PIKE, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DEREK S. REYNOLDS AND ENDING WITH BRIAN D. VOGT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH EDWARD A. FIGUEROA AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL C. VANHOVEN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JACK C. MASON AND ENDING WITH TODD B. WAYTASHEK, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RUTH E. APONTE AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL J. ZINNO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LESLIE E. AKINS AND ENDING WITH MARC W. ZELNICK, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TIMOTHY G. ABRELL AND ENDING WITH JOHN A. ZULFER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RAFAEL E. ABREU AND ENDING WITH R010075, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

##### IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JACKIE W. MORGAN, JR., TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF DANA R. FIKE, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF SAMUEL W. SPENCER III, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF LARRY MIYAMOTO, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GEORGE L. ROBERTS AND ENDING WITH PAUL A. SHIRLEY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RICHARD D. KOHLER AND ENDING WITH GARY J. SPINELLI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ERIC T. CLINE AND ENDING WITH ROBERT S. SCHMIDT, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSE L. SADA AND ENDING WITH BRIAN J. SPOONER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH FREDERICK L. HUNT AND ENDING WITH CHAD E. TIDWELL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 23, 2013.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TODD E. LOTSPEICH AND ENDING WITH DONALD E. WILLIAMS,