

TO THE BRUINS OF KULPMONT,

NO MATTER WHERE LIFE TAKES YOU, HOME IS ALWAYS HOME.

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FROM KULPMONT WHO MADE THE TRIP TO OUR MARYLAND GAME TO SUPPORT ME AND THE UCLA BRUINS. SEEING THE SIGNS, HEARING YOU CHEER, AND KNOWING MY HOMETOWN WAS THERE BEHIND US MEANT MORE TO ME THAN YOU COULD KNOW.

THEN CAME THE RAIN AND THE COLD—AND YOU STAYED.

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED ANYTHING DIFFERENT FROM KULPMONT PEOPLE.

I GREW UP THERE LEARNING ABOUT TOUGHNESS, LOYALTY, HARD WORK, AND STANDING BY YOUR PEOPLE. THOSE LESSONS HAVE FOLLOWED ME EVERYWHERE I'VE GONE AND ARE A BIG PART OF HOW I TRY TO LEAD TODAY.

FOOTBALL HAS TAKEN ME A LONG WAY FROM THE STREETS OF KULPMONT, BUT THAT DAY, LOOKING INTO THE STANDS, HOME DIDN'T FEEL VERY FAR AWAY.

I FELT THE LOVE, AND I HOPE YOU KNOW HOW PROUD I AM TO REPRESENT WHERE I COME FROM.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE TRIP, FOR CHEERING ON OUR BRUINS, AND MOST OF ALL, FOR REMINDING ME THAT NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU GO, YOU NEVER REALLY LEAVE KULPMONT—AND KULPMONT NEVER LEAVES YOU.

WITH GRATITUDE AND HOMETOWN PRIDE,

BOB CHESNEY
UCLA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

