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• I want to offer a warm welcome to everyone, but especially the children, who braved the weather today to come out and see the Detroit Tigers. This is the third time since 2005 the annual Tiger caravan has stopped here at Miller Auditorium, and we could not be more pleased to have them here with us.

Having the Tigers here on the same day the temperature has soared to over 30 degrees is a sure sign of spring. My thanks go to the WMU Alumni Association for sponsoring this event and to the Detroit Tiger organization for reaching out to the fans in West Michigan as they prepare for the 2009 season.

• By the way, this year is Miller Auditorium's 40th anniversary of service to the Kalamazoo community. We are fortunate to have a top-notch facility like this so that we have the opportunity to host events like this. We love to have you visit and sit here in this comfortable venue to see the shows and events offered. Let's take a moment to offer our congratulations to the Miller staff for reaching this milestone.

• It's always a pleasure to have the Detroit Tigers back on campus. They are Michigan's team, of course, but their connection with WMU goes beyond that. One of our alumni, David Dombrowski, who received his BBA in 1979 from the Lee Honors College, is the Tiger President.

We're enormously proud of Dave for his many professional achievements, just as we are all proud of our more than 165,000 graduates. Everyday they make
significant contributions to their professions and to their communities, and you can find them in every state in the nation and in countries around the world.

• Finally, thank you all for coming to campus today. I'd like to encourage you to visit often. Western Michigan University is your hometown university, but it is also a major research university that offers a wealth of performances, exhibits, lectures and athletic events.

We want you and your families to feel comfortable here and take advantage of every opportunity that interests you. Enjoy hearing from the Detroit Tigers today and come back often.

• Thank you.