Lincoln, NE – Congressman Jeff Fortenberry made the following statement regarding today's announcement of the upcoming retirement of Tom Osborne as the University of Nebraska's Athletic Director:

"I thank Tom for his many years of service to Nebraska, both as Congressman for Nebraska's Third District and his successful tenure at the University of Nebraska. Whether on the football field or in the halls of Congress, Tom Osborne conducted himself with the quiet confidence of a principled, steady leader. He leaves a legacy of excellent public service. I wish him all the best as he retires on January 1, 2013. "

Osborne was the head football coach at the University of Nebraska for 25 years from 1973 to 1997. He led the Huskers to three national championships in 1994, 1995, and 1997. Osborne was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Third Congressional District of Nebraska and served three terms from 2000-2006.

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