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What a great year! How about those Packers!

So we lost one. Big deal...We still have two more Super Bowl titles than the Broncos! And we still have more world championships than any other team in the history of pro football.

This is Titletown....This is America's Team.....And this is America's State!

As governor of this great state, I am fortunate to meet thousands of remarkable people....and I get to witness a lot of remarkable accomplishments.....

While last year's Super Bowl was certainly more fun, I can't remember being more proud of a Wisconsin team than I am of this Packers team.

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The class and grace Mike Holmgren, Brett Favre, Reggie White and the entire Packers team showed Sunday night after suffering the most difficult loss of their professional lives is a tremendous testament to the type of people we are in Wisconsin. Coach, Ron, Bob – You are great ambassadors for our proud state.

We stand a class above the rest here in Wisconsin.

Now, don't get me wrong, winning beats the heck out of losing. But this team is far from done when it comes to winning.

This team is young. It has the greatest quarterback in the world. It has the greatest coach in the world. It has the greatest fans in the world. Source: Marquette University Libraries; Tommy G. Thompson Collection; Series 2: Gubernatorial Speeches

Ladies and gentlemen, we're here today not just to say thanks to our heroes for another incredible season. We're here because this is the first stop on the Road to Miami and Super Bowl 33. And it is the first stop on the road to the first Super Bowl 3-peat in NFL history.

Enjoy our trophy while you can Denver, because we're taking it back next year!

We are Wisconsin. And the Packers are our football team.

We may get knocked down.

But we get up again.

Ain't anyone going to keep us down!

God help the AFC next year!