

and the families of our children. What makes Randall special is that he is ours, and through his sacrifice, we have become his.

What an honor and a privilege it will be to thank Randall in person on July 24th and 25th, 2003. The Community Salute to Sergeant Phillip Randall Rugg, II, will feature a free community gathering at the American Legion Hall at Forsythe Park in Monroe to meet Randall from 3 to 6 p.m. on July 24th. There will be a sponsor's reception and silent auction from 7 to 10 p.m. on July 24th also at the American Legion Hall at a cost of \$15 per person. The following day, July 25th, there will be a golf tournament at Calvert Crossing Golf Club. For information regarding sponsorships call (318) 329-5890. All checks made payable to Sergeant Phillip Randall Rugg at American Horizons Bank.

JOINT INTELLIGENCE REPORT POST—9/11

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise tonight in response to the comments of my friend, the Senator from Florida, about the report that was issued today about September 11. There were a lot of innuendoes and direct statements by the Senator from Florida with respect to the administration, faults on the part of the administration leading up to September 11 and the connection of causation between the administration and some deficiencies with the administration and September 11. Nothing could be further from the truth.

My friend from Florida made the comment that the lack of resources in our intelligence community played a big part in the intelligence deficiencies that allowed September 11 to happen. I agree with him 100 percent. What he failed to say is that this administration had been in office less than 8 months when September 11 happened. This administration had not even been through an appropriations cycle. It is this body and the House that made the appropriations over the last several years that, in fact, did lead to a decline in resources, with the leadership of the previous administration, that caused the resources not to be put in the right place, that allowed the problems within the intelligence community to arise.

The Senator mentioned certain declassification, or failure to declassify certain aspects of the September 11 report that were not included in the report that was released today. Again, he is exactly right. But there is a reason for that. The public does have a right to know everything we can tell them about the facts leading up to September 11. But the intelligence community does not have the right and should not release information relative to sources and methods.

The intelligence community is a very complex community. The intelligence community has human assets in place all around the world, gathering information from an intelligence standpoint that is important to saving the lives of Americans.

In addition to that, we have methods of gathering intelligence that we simply cannot disclose and divulge to peo-

ple we are gathering that intelligence from, or it will reduce or significantly lessen, or maybe even not allow us to gather information from them. So it is very important that we not release sources and methods.

Last, let me say my friend made the comment about secrecy on the part of this administration, this President. Again, nothing could be further from the truth. Secrecy is not the issue here, as set forth in that report that was released today.

The real issue as set forth in that report is the protection of America and the protection of Americans. This administration had done everything within its power leading up to September 11 to make sure the intelligence community had the ability to gather intelligence and that the law enforcement community had the ability to interrupt and disrupt intelligence activity. Unfortunately, as was concluded in the report today—the Senator from Florida was the chairman of the Intelligence Committee that participated in that report—that report says that, in spite of everything, there is nothing that could have been done on the part of the intelligence community that would have prohibited September 11 from happening.

What we need to be aware of and what the American people need to be aware of is that the intelligence community has learned a lesson from September 11, and we are moving forward to make sure our children and our grandchildren live in a safe and secure America just like we have enjoyed. We have a lot of recommendations within that report that are being followed today to make sure America is a safer place.

While I commend the men and women—and I was part of it—who worked very hard to get that report together, there is a lot of information in that report that was not declassified and which should not be declassified so that we can have a safer and more secure America.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, the Senator from New Mexico ought to be doing the thanking. I knew when the people of the Senator's State sent him up here—he thanked us, but we ought to be thanking him; we thank the people of his State for sending him here—we knew when the Senator came that he was going to be a stalwart and someone to whom we could look. We knew we would be getting the "straight scoop," so to speak. Tonight it didn't take the Senator very long to set this record straight.

There is no use playing politics with things that do not need any politics added to them. There are already plenty of problems surrounding that big tragedy that came to America. We thank the Senator for telling us the way it is, the way it was, and the way we ought to understand it. This Sen-

ator thanks him for that. I wish he had more to say. I hope before it is over, he will have more to say about it.

With all of the inferences and implications when things go wrong, there is a political campaign. Just wait, and somebody will find some reason to blame the person running for office. Regardless of how farfetched or how wild, or how irrelevant it is, it will be there.

Frankly, we have a Senate with lots of privileges. I like the distinguished Senator from Florida. He had a big job when he had to put that report together. He doesn't have any more to say about it than a lot of other people. He just happens to be running for President. So he has a lot to say. But we thank the Senator very much for his few words which are excellent, as I understand it, and it is something we needed to hear.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I will have a lot more to say about it later.

Mr. DOMENICI. I hope so.

ELECTIONS IN CAMBODIA

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Cambodians will go to the polls this weekend for the third round of parliamentary elections since the 1991 Paris Peace Accords.

Elections half way around the world in a country best known for the killing fields of the 1970s would ordinarily warrant little attention by Washington or other foreign capitals. However, in the post-September 11 world such political exercises have heightened importance to America and the free world.

Cambodia today is a lawless country, with the thin veneer of democracy bestowed by U.N.-sponsored elections in 1993 all but worn away by political turmoil and crises. Under the repressive rule of Prime Minister Hun Sen and the ruling Cambodian People's Party, CPP, human rights abuses are committed with impunity, developments stymied by corruption and incompetence, and a palpable climate of fear persists throughout a country side controlled by CPP authorities.

Under Prime Minister Hun Sen's lawless rule, Cambodia has become the Zimbabwe of Southeast Asia.

Many in the diplomatic community continue to wrongly believe that the CPP offers Cambodia stability. This thinking is nonsensical.

A CPP coup d'etat in July 1997 destroyed the coalition government cobbled together after the 1993 polls. Grenade attacks against opposition parties in 1995 and 1997 were a clear attempt by CPP to silence its rivals through violence and intimidation. And anti-Thai riots earlier this year were fueled by the reckless comments of the Prime Minister, who failed to protect Thai diplomatic property and personnel from government-paid thugs, the Pagoda Boys.

More worrisome to the international community should be the arrest of suspect regional terrorists in Cambodia.

Lax border controls and official corruption have allowed terrorists a free reign in the country since the early 1990s. Cambodia is a haven for criminal triads—and fertile ground for extremists. While the Cambodian government has arrested some suspected terrorists, the absence of democracy and the rule of law in Cambodia only guarantees that terrorism will be a perpetual problem for that country, and the entire region.

The Cambodian people must not miss the opportunity to use the upcoming polls to hold Hun Sen and the CPP accountable for the failure of leadership. While CPP has done everything it can to subvert the outcome of the elections even before the first ballots are cast, Cambodians must vote their conscience. They hold the key to breaking the cycle of violence and poverty that has gripped Cambodia for the past several decades.

I recognize that this may not be easy for many Cambodians. Anyone older than 28 years old lived through the nightmare of the Pol Pot regime and the Vietnamese invasion and occupation. Politics got people killed then—and it still does today. But unlike the past, today the fate of Cambodia is in the hands of the people and in the ballots they will cast on July 27.

Cambodians must hold those in power accountable for their actions. They should know that America is watching and willing to help them rebuild a nation committed to democracy and the rule of law.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, recent developments in Iraq have given Americans cause for renewed confidence in our efforts there, as our soldiers systematically track down, capture, or eliminate the remaining fugitives on the most-wanted list. The cowardly hit-and-run attacks and ambushes on our troops have claimed American lives, but they have not deterred our troops from their task of ridding Iraq of every vestige of the brutal regime that ruled for so long.

I rise today to pay tribute to those service members who have fallen in this noble effort. As a nation, we must always keep in mind that our military successes come at a high cost in the loss of promising young human lives. My State of Indiana has paid a very high price indeed. As of this date, 13 Indiana families have suffered the loss of a loved one taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Seven of our losses were the result of combat action. Four Indiana soldiers have died from injuries not related to combat, and two have died of illnesses. I pray that there will be no more, but I know the danger still exists.

Army Specialist Chad L. Keith of Batesville, IN, died on July 7 in Baghdad when his motorized patrol was ambushed. He was riding in the lead vehicle when it was struck by the detona-

tion of a mine hidden along the roadway.

Specialist Keith was 21 years old. He had joined the Army immediately after graduating from Batesville High School in 2000. He went through paratrooper training and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. A week before he died, he talked to his mother by telephone from Baghdad and spoke enthusiastically about wanting to get the job done in Iraq.

Chad Keith was an outstanding soldier. He will be missed.

Army Private Robert L. McKinley of Peru, IN, died on July 8 in a hospital in Homburg, Germany, where he had been taken for treatment of severe heat injuries suffered in the Iraqi desert. Private McKinley was 23 years old. He had enlisted just 8 months ago and was very proud to be serving with the famed 101st Airborne Division.

Private McKinley, a 1998 graduate of Peru High school, was raised by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feller, who loved him as if he were their own son. At his funeral, Private McKinley was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Robert McKinley was an outstanding soldier. He will be missed.

Sergeant First Class Craig A. Boling of Elkhart, IN, died on July 8 at Camp Wolf in Kuwait after being stricken by a sudden illness. Sergeant Boling was a member of the 1st Battalion, 152nd Infantry, one of two Indiana National Guard battalions mobilized to provide robust force protection to key bases and supply lines in Kuwait and Iraq. These units have done an extraordinary job.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I have come to the Senate floor several times this year to eulogize our young men and women who have died during the war in Iraq, as well those who have been killed during the postwar period.

Today, I want to honor and remember three additional Americans who were from California or were based in California who have died since the war officially ended.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David J. Moreno, age 26, of Gering, NE, was killed July 17 in Iraq. David was assigned to the Naval Medical Center, Fourth Marine Division Detachment, San Diego, CA.

Marine LCpl Jason Andrew Tetrault, age 20, of Moreno Valley, CA, was killed in Kuwait on July 9 in a vehicle accident. He was assigned to the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Twentynine Palms, CA. He was the quarterback for the Moreno Valley High School football team. He loved the outdoors, and told his family that he was looking forward to returning to California's beaches and seeing the Pacific Ocean again.

Marine LCpl Cory Ryan Geurin, age 18, of Santee, CA, was killed in Iraq on July 15. He graduated from West Hills High School in suburban San Diego and was the captain of the school's wres-

tling team his senior year. Cory was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Twentynine Palms, CA.

Mr. President, 58 individuals who were from California or based in California have died while serving our country in Iraq. The people of California, as well as all Americans, mourn their loss. I continue to pray for the safety of all of our troops and hope that they will soon be reunited with their families. I also continue my call for burden sharing in postwar Iraq so that American soldiers will not be singled out.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to a brave volunteer of the North Dakota National Guard who this week made the ultimate sacrifice for his Nation. Specialist Jon Fettig was a proud and patriotic American killed in action in Iraq on Monday. He was many times over a volunteer, from when he made his commitment to America's Armed Forces by enlisting and re-enlisting in the National Guard, to when he stepped forward to serve in Iraq despite the fact that his own unit had not been activated.

Jon Fettig is the first North Dakota National Guardsman killed in combat since the Korean war. Even before he volunteered to deploy to Iraq as a combat engineer with the 957th Multi-role Bridge Company he had already served 11 years in the Guard. His fellow soldiers admired him and valued his service. Those still at home in North Dakota gathered yesterday to celebrate his memory and mourn his passing.

SP Fettig lived his life in a way that is surely familiar to many of my distinguished colleagues here in the Senate. As Senators we are blessed with the opportunity to meet countless fine young Americans who serve our Nation in the military. Like so many National Guardsmen, SP Fettig was a good soldier, a good civilian employee, a good citizen and a good spouse. That he carried all those burdens at once is a tribute to him.

In this difficult time, our thoughts are with his father Larry, his mother Shirley, and his wife Cody. SP Fettig's sacrifice is a tragedy, but we all must take comfort from the fact that, as his father has said, he died doing what he loved, a hero serving his country to the best of his ability.

Specialist Brandon Erickson of Bismarck was another casualty of Monday's attack on the 957th, bringing to three the number of North Dakota soldiers wounded in combat in Iraq. Though SP Erickson has had part of his arm amputated, his condition is now improving. We are grateful for his service and that of the medics and doctors who treated him, and thankful that he will soon be returning home.

Our Nation asks so much of our Guard and Reserve, and they are coming through with flying colors. The tremendous contribution of North Dakota active-duty personnel is matched by a truly remarkable commitment by