

## News from Senator

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### DOLE INTRODUCES RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DISABLED MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today congratulated the 11 disabled climbers who triumphed over the hardships of nature imposed by Mount Rainier this Independence Day. In a Senate resolution he introduced, Dole paid tribute to the climbers, saying their achievement "represents a living demonstration of the human potential. . .even against the imposing obstacles presented by a great mountain."

In a statement on the Senate floor, Dole said, "their victory should be echoed throughout American society as a truly remarkable symbol of achievement in overcoming barriers and disabilities. It is very appropriate that such an outstanding performance of people with so-called disabilities should occur during the summer of 1981, which has been declared the International Year of Disabled Persons."

#### Symbolic Climb

"Nine men and two women, whose names shall follow, climbed Mount Rainier in the state of Washington on July 3, 1981. This mountain not only is the highest peak in the continental United States, but it has overcome many more experienced climbers in the past. This mountain represents the ultimate physical barrier to disability, and yet it did not prevent seven blind people, two that are deaf, one an epileptic, and one an amputee, from achieving great heights."

"During this International Year of Disabled Persons, there is no more fitting tribute to the potential of handicapped people than to commemorate their tremendous progress in this symbolic climb. They did not pause once to dwell on what they could not do -- they set out to prove what they could do, despite what others might call their 'disabilities'. And their spirit has inspired us all!"

#### Congratulations to Individuals

"The Senator from Kansas joins his colleagues in commemorating the magnificent victory of eleven individuals over a majestic peak. We are proud of all those who participated in this symbolic climb:

Kirk Adams, Snohomish, Washington; Glenn A. Brindeiro, Renton, Washington; Timothy Eyan, Seattle, Washington; Svein Gilje, Seattle, Washington; Nancy Gofort, Seattle, Washington; Don Goodman, Seattle, Washington; Shiela Holzworth, Des Moines, Iowa; Dr. Raymond Keith, Arlington, Virginia; Egil Krogh, Seattle, Washington; Justin McDevitt, Rosemont, Pennsylvania; Alec Naiman, New York, New York; Ray Nichols, Issaquah, Washington; George S. Niebel, Kirkland, Washington; Fred Noesner, Glenside, Pennsylvania; Charles O'Brien, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Dr. Judith W. Oehler, Hingham, Massachusetts; Richard Rose, Vancouver, Washington; Paul Stefurak, Federal Way, Washington; Warren Thompson, Renton, Washington; and Douglas Wakefield, Arlington, Virginia.

"At this point, it might be appropriate for us to express our appreciation to the role of the Institute for Outdoor Awareness, who sponsored this great expedition. We look forward to more such endeavors and thank this non-profit institute for making this climb possible during the International Year of Disabled Persons. It is an achievement that all Americans will remember for years to come."

"This climb to the heights of Mount Rainier represents a living demonstration of the human potential 'to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield' -- even against the imposing obstacles presented by a great mountain."