

News from Senator

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WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today will greet the 11 disabled climbers who last week triumphed over Mount Rainier, and also over their handicaps. Photographers and reporters are invited to the senator's office at 2:15 this afternoon for an opportunity to meet with these outstanding disabled Americans. Dole's office is 2213 Dirksen.

Additionally, Dole today is introducing a Senate resolution congratulating the 11 climbers. Floor consideration of that resolution is presently scheduled for 3:15 p.m. The 11, as well as nine non-handicapped members of the climbing group, will be in the Senate gallery for the introduction. From 2:15 to 3:15 they will be in the Senate reception area for photos with other senators.

"In this International Year of Disabled Persons, it is fitting to honor one of the greatest achievements that this year may bring, in both real and symbolic terms," Dole said. "These 11 climbers -- seven of them blind, two deaf, one epileptic and one an amputee -- have proven that they are only handicapped to the extent that they are prevented from achievement by physical or attitudinal barriers. This heroic act should remind all of us that we can and should strive to meet our own potential."