

current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, as chairman and vice chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, Senator ROCKEFELLER and I have submitted to the Senate the Report of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence of its activities during the 107th Congress from January 3, 2001 to November 22, 2002. The Committee is charged by the Senate with the responsibility of carrying out oversight of the intelligence activities of the United States. Much of the work of the Committee is of necessity conducted in secrecy, yet the Committee believes that the Intelligence Community and this Committee should be as accountable as possible to the public. The public report to the Senate is intended to achieve that goal.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

JOHN AND JESS ROSKELLEY'S CLIMB OF MT. EVEREST

• Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate father and son John and Jess Roskelley of Spokane, WA, for their successful climb of Mt. Everest. The Roskelleys' achievement is both inspiring and historic. By reaching the summit on Wednesday, May 21, the Roskelleys became the first father and son to climb the world's highest mountain together. Jess also became the youngest American to ever complete the climb.

Throughout history, explorers and adventurers have held a special place in our imaginations. Their vision and determination to explore uncharted territory, and to surmount overwhelming obstacles in fierce conditions and environments remind us of the indomitable power of the human spirit.

Mt. Everest has long captivated mankind as a powerful symbol of the awe the natural world can evoke. Since Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first people to grace its summit 50 years ago, the challenge of climbing Everest has attained an iconic status. Its precipitous slopes, seemingly bottomless crevasses, and thin air are a reminder both of the power of natural forces, and of the fragility of human life.

John Roskelley is an expert climber, with 30 years experience climbing in the demanding Himalayas. He is also an accomplished photographer and author, whose work vividly conveys the challenges and emotions of high-altitude mountaineering. John is a dedicated public servant, as well: he serves as a Commissioner of Spokane County.

Jess Roskelley has clearly inherited his father's mountaineering talents and taste for adventure. Though he is only 20 years old, Jess is already an ac-

complished climber in his own right. He has climbed Washington State's highest peak, 14,411-foot Mt. Rainier—also an impressive mountaineering feat—a remarkable 35 times.

The Roskelleys' names will long be remembered with those of other magnificent climbers from Washington State—a proud history that includes such giants as Jim and Lou Whittaker, Jim Wickwire, Willi Unsoeld, and Ed Viesturs.

With their accomplishment, John and Jess Roskelley have contributed to this tradition, and to that of all the adventurers and explorers who inspire us to challenge ourselves to realize our dreams, and to persevere in the face of overwhelming odds. They remind us of President John F. Kennedy's affirmation that we pursue some goals "not because they are easy but because they are hard."

The Roskelleys' remarkable achievement reminds us what we can accomplish when we set our hearts and minds upon difficult goals. I congratulate them on their success, and wish them a safe trip home. ●

250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF KEENE, NH

• Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Keene, NH, the Elm City of New Hampshire. As the United States prepares to observe the 227th anniversary of our independence, the citizens of Keene will be celebrating the city's 250th birthday. It is therefore timely and appropriate that we recognize this great American community.

From its first settlement in the early 1700's until today, Keene has been the economic and cultural hub for the Monadnock region. The city's manufacturing and commercial companies have not only energized the local economy but have made significant contributions to our country. The Kingsbury Machine Tool Corporation, for example, was a key supplier of equipment during the Nation's involvement in World War II and the Korean War. The Faulkner and Colony Manufacturing Company is certainly one of the great industrial companies in our Country's history and its legacy is still being felt today. In addition to this central role as an economic engine, Keene has been an education leader. It is home to Keene State College, one of the our State's leading institutions of higher learning.

Of course, we cannot talk about this city without praising its most distinctive asset: the people of Keene. They have never been restrained in lending their talents and energies to any noble cause or to any effort that will strengthen the community's social fabric. Throughout its history, Keene's residents have demonstrated this commitment to their neighbors and their country. For example, upon hearing of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the town organized a celebration of this great news. Unfortu-

nately, they had no way of affixing the new American flag to the Liberty Pole, other than by climbing to the top, which was dangerous. A 9-year-old boy stepped out of the crowd and offered to take up this challenge. Witnesses said as the boy went higher, the pole started to bend. However, he made it and, as the crowd cheered, set the American Flag at the pole's highest reach. In February 1835, a Keene native, the Honorable John Dickson, delivered the first important anti-slavery speech ever made in the United States Congress. In 1892, John Henry Elliot donated the building which became the City's first modern hospital. During the Civil War, 584 men from Keene served; 48 gave their lives. Forty Keene residents fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Catherine Fiske opened the Young Ladies Seminary in Keene on May 1, 1814. This was the first boarding school in New Hampshire and just the second in the United States. Its reputation for educating the young women of Keene and of many other States in the country was unmatched in its day.

Horatio Colony, the city's first mayor in 1874, is one of a long line of talented public servants from Keene who have helped make New Hampshire such a great place to live. Today, the city is continuing this honorable tradition. The long-time dean of the New Hampshire State Senate, Clesson "Junie" Blaisdell, hailed from Keene. The sitting mayor, Michael E.J. Blastos, has been a long-time leader here. The current President of the New Hampshire State Senate, Tom Eaton, calls the city his home. In addition to guiding one half of New Hampshire's legislative body, Senator Eaton also serves as acting Governor of New Hampshire whenever the Governor is out of state or otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office. Born and raised in this region of the State, Senator Eaton represents all that is great about the City.

All of these people, and their stories, illustrate the can-do attitude and spirit of activism of Keene's people. With that, I am proud to honor and salute them as they celebrate the 250th birthday of Keene, NH, the Elm City of the Granite State. ●

TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN'S FIRST ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BRIGADE COMMANDER

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, the contributions of women in the U.S. Armed Forces stretches back to the battlefields of our Revolution and continues in the deserts of Iraq today.

But those contributions have not always been recognized.

Today, I rise to note another milestone for women in the military and pay tribute to COL Mandi Murray who recently became the first woman to command a brigade in Michigan's Army National Guard.

Colonel Murray now commands the 2,433 soldiers of the 63rd Troop Command based in Jackson, MI.