

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.