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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D. Montana)

Mr. President, the Senate of the United States is made up of 96 different people with individual personalities, from 48 different states. Each has his own claim to fame, but one member of the 85th Congress can boast of something truly American, the fulfillment of a boyhood wish.

At the age of 32, my distinguished colleague, the junior Senator from Idaho, Frank Church, has fulfilled a boyhood ambition to be a Senator, which began at the age of 14.

It is a great privilege to be associated with Senator Church as a friend and colleague. I am told that this self-made Democrat looks to the late Senator William E. Borah as his idol. The people of Idaho shall be ever grateful for the inspiration which spurred this young man on to the service of his State and Nation.

I know full well that in the years to come the young people of the Northwest will be looking up to Senator Frank Church as a great legislator and skilled orator. *

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that three character studies appearing in the Washington Post & Times-Herald, the Washington Evening Star and the LABOR daily be printed at the conclusion of my remarks.

* We of the Northwest expect a great deal from Frank Church, a man with his feet on the ground and an intense desire to serve his State and the Nation. We know that he will not fail us.