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Congressman Bob Dole paid tribute to members of Claflin Rural High School graduating class of 1963 after visiting with them in Washington, D. C.

Congressman Dole stated, "I was deeply impressed with the attitude of this group, particularly the wreath-laying ceremony conducted at the grave of Major Marvin Franklin Stehrien, a former graduate of Claflin Rural High School. Major Stehrien served in the 82nd Engineering Battalion, and was a veteran of World War II, and Korea. He was born November 3, 1919 and died August 7, 1962. Certainly the tribute paid to him by these young people was a significant one.

Those participating in the wreath-laying, were, Connie Dowse, Carol Smith, Veronica Grossardt, and Marcia Hardten. Marcia, a neighbor of Mrs. Cora Stehrien, mother of Major Stehrien, originated the idea, but the project sponsored by the entire class.

'The parents, community, and Claflin High School can be proud of the group, and their sponsors, Mrs. Opal Palmateer, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meyer, and Mr. Elton Boese', Dole said.