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PRESENTS KANSAS AWARD TO A TOP WASHINGTON OFFICIAL -U.S. Senator Bob Dole (right) presents a plaque to
Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, a former
Kansan, in Hickel's Washington, D.C. office recently.

Dole made the award, "in recognition of his (Hickel's) many achievements and in sincere appreciation of the honor he has reflected upon his native state," on behalf of J. Rex Duwe of Lucas, president of the Kansas Day Club. Hickel was unable to attend the Kansas Day activities Jan. 29 in Topeka, where he was scheduled to speak and receive the award.

The Secretary was born in 1919 in Claflin, where his parents were tenant farmers.

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