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STATE DESK: the following is a floor statement by Sen. Bob Dole today, Nov. 16, 1971, praising Clarence Rupp of ~~Topeka~~ *Manhattan* for his work with the Kansas Farm Bureau. Presently, Farm Bureau is meeting in Wichita at the Broadview Hotel. Tonight at 6:30 p.m. there will be a recognition dinner for Rupp as a part of the Farm Bureau Convention at Exhibition Hall, Century II, Wichita.

CLARENCE RUPP

MR. DOLE. MR. PRESIDENT, TODAY IN WICHITA, KANSAS, THE KANSAS FARM BUREAU IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL MEETING. THIS IS ALWAYS AN OUTSTANDING EVENT ON THE CALENDAR OF KANSAS AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS, BECAUSE THE FARM BUREAU HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN BUILDING KANSAS' REPUTATION AS AMERICA'S WHEAT STATE AND ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS. KANSAS FARMERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT IN THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION OF MODERN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, IN THE CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF THE STATE'S GREAT NATURAL RESOURCES AND IN THE BUILDING OF A PRODUCTIVE AND REWARDING WAY OF LIFE IN KANSAS FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS. THE KANSAS FARM BUREAU HAS BEEN A CONTINUING POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN KANSAS AGRICULTURE, WORKING NOT ONLY IN BEHALF OF ITS OWN MEMBERS BUT IN BEHALF OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL KANSAS FARMERS. THIS RECORD OF HIGH PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELL-BEING OF KANSAS FARMERS IS AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE FARM BUREAU, BUT EVEN MORE THAN AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT, IT IS A MONUMENT TO THE WORK OF ONE MAN, CLARENCE RUPP, WHO HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH FOR THE KANSAS FARM BUREAU FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS.

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CLARENCE RUPP IS RETIRING THIS YEAR, AND THE FARM BUREAU IS DEVOTING PART OF ITS ANNUAL MEETING TO A SALUTE TO HIM FOR HIS UNIQUE AND PRICELESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR ORGANIZATION AND TO ALL THE FARMERS OF KANSAS. FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, CLARENCE HAS TRAVELED THE STATE TO VISIT FARMERS, LEARN THEIR PROBLEMS AND HELP THEM ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS WHICH WILL MEAN A BETTER LIVELIHOOD FOR THEMSELVES AND A MORE PRODUCTIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM. HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THEIR MOST EFFECTIVE AND RESPECTED ADVOCATES WITH STATE GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE KANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. I BECAME CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH CLARENCE WHEN I SERVED AS A STATE LEGISLATOR AND AS A CONGRESSMAN FROM KANSAS' LARGEST AND MOST PREDOMINANTLY RURAL DISTRICT, AND I HAVE CONTINUED TO RELY UPON AND APPRECIATE HIS INFORMED, CONSTRUCTIVE AND DEDICATED EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF HIS MEMBERSHIP AND THE RURAL COMMUNITY.

THE KANSAS FARM BUREAU WILL NOT SEEM THE SAME WITHOUT CLARENCE RUPP, BUT WHILE HE IS STEPPING DOWN FROM HIS FORMAL POST, I KNOW HE WILL HAVE AN ACTIVE RETIREMENT AND WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE A BUSY PART IN THE AFFAIRS OF KANSAS FARMERS AND AGRICULTURE WITHIN OUR STATE. HIS MANY FRIENDS AROUND THE STATE WILL MISS HIM IN HIS FAMILIAR ROLE, BUT ALL, I AM SURE, WISH HIM WELL AS HE RETIRES.

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I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL
DONE AND CALL THE ATTENTION OF MY SENATE COLLEAGUES TO CLARENCE RUPP'S
CAREER AS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF WHY AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND THE
CITIZENS OF RURAL AMERICA HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE SUCH
A VITAL, IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE PART OF OUR NATION'S HERITAGE.