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WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 19, 1972 -- Senator Bob Dole has been recognized as "The Volunteer of the Year" by Rehabilitation International - U.S.A. for his "distinguished service to the handicapped of the United States.

The award was presented to Senator Dole by RIUSA President Mrs. Helen Walsh at the organization's annual international luncheon in Chicago, Illinois on November 10.

Senator Dole, who was recently elected to the organization's board of directors, was the featured speaker at the luncheon.

RIUSA is the American affiliate of a world-wide organization dedicated to helping the handicapped gain independence and self-sufficiency through vocational rehabilitation.

In his remarks at the luncheon Senator Dole called for a "Campaign for All Seasons" to alert the public to the importance and value of rehabilitation. Noting the high dividends paid by rehabilitation in terms of enabling people to lead independent productive lives as contributing members of society rather than burdens on their families or the public, Senator Dole called rehabilitation, "one of the best bargains around."

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