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DOLE NOTES VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Washington D. C. -- The following is the text of a Veterans Day statement released today by Senator Bob Dole through his Washington office.

"Veterans Day should be a day of celebration for all Americans. In honoring all of those who have served unselfishly in our Armed Forces we celebrate the legacy of peace and security which we enjoy in America and which has been won, in large measure, through the contributions they have made.

"On this day of celebration, however, we ought not to forget our serious and even compelling responsibilities toward the veteran. His contributions to the security of our way of life ought not to be remembered only on one week-end once a year. Every day should be a Veterans Day in the sense that it is a responsibility of all of us to help the veteran, to hire the veteran, to extend a hand to the veteran.

"This is the first Veterans Day in a decade to be celebrated without the backdrop of a war in which Americans were involved in combat.

"As we look forward to a future where hopefully peace will prevail, we must look back as well, to the rigors of past wars, and the sacrifices our service men have made.

"To the 300,000 veterans in Kansas and to the 29 million across the country, we owe our gratitude and more than that, we owe them whatever assistance we can give."