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## DOLE PRAISES DYKES'S CONTRIBUTIONS AS KANSAS UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today praised resigning Chancellor Archie Dykes for the contributions he has made to Kansas University during his past seven years in Lawrence. Chancellor Dykes will resign effective August 15 to become president and chief executive officer of Security Benefit Life in Topeka.

Following is a Senate floor statement given today by Senator Dole:

Chancellor Archie Dykes of Kansas University has announced that he will resign effective August 15, 1980, to become president and chief executive officer of Security Benefit Life in Topeka. As a Kansas senator, and former KU student, I have had the opportunity to observe firsthand his distinguished performance during the past seven years, seven of the most productive years the university has ever seen. Chancellor Dykes will be replaced, but his administrative style and achievements will not soon be equaled. Archie -- as he is known to the Kansas University community -- has woven together the enviable qualities of a seasoned executive and a friendly, approachable leader.

Archie Dykes's resume is an impressive one: Chancellor of the University of Tennessee-Martin, 1967-71; Chancellor of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, 1971-73; Vice-chairman of the Commission on the Operation of the U.S. Senate, 1975-76; Member, Executive Committee of the Association of American Universities; board member of several organizations and corporations, including Security Benefit Life. The one consolation of the Chancellor's decision is that he will be staying in the state. Clearly, the Kansas academic community's loss will be the Kansas business community's gain.

Archie Dykes will be missed on the beautiful KU campus. The University is located on a hill surrounded by the prosperous and progressive city of Lawrence, which is treasured by all who have attended the University. Those who have never been to Kansas might be pleasantly surprised by the rolling landscape on which the campus rests. As the regular rise in student population indicates, the sweeping view has served to help many a high school senior decide which university to attend.

Of course, the physical attractiveness of a campus means little without academic strength. Here, too, the University of Kansas is solid. The William Allen White School of Journalism is known nationwide as one of the finest. KU was the first school in the country to offer a master's degree in public administration. The athletic department has been the training ground for many of America's greatest athletes and sports innovators, from James Naismith, the Father of Basketball, to Gale Sayers and Jim Ryum.

KU's Law and Medical Schools are of special pride to the Unviersity. One of the greatest accomplishments of Chancellor Dykes's seven-year administration has been the expansion of the KU Medical Center programs throughout the state, and the medical center's emphasis on serving Kansans.

As Archie Dykes prepares to leave the University with which he has become so strongly identified, the Senator from Kansas wishes him the best of luck. Thoughout his seven years at KU's helm, the University has taken on the character of the man: progressive, friendly and looking ahead. We will look back on his tenure fondly.