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TOPEKA FEDERAL BUILDING TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF FORMER SENATOR FRANK CARLSON

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Building in Topeka, Kan., will now be known as the "Frank Carlson Federal Building" in honor of the former senator from Kansas, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) announced today.

The House of Representatives today passed a bill introduced in the Senate by Dole. The Senate passed the bill last week.

The address of the new Carlson Building is 444 Southeast Quincy, Topeka.

"Senator Frank Carlson has a solid record of accomplishment and achievement," Dole said. "Patiently, quietly, but sure of step and sure of himself, Frank Carlson has both represented the interests of Kansas and the nation and established a definite place for himself among American statesmen.

"Whether an issue concerned the farmer, the businessman, the blue-collar worker or the consumer, Frank Carlson was there to provide his service as well as friendship. An individual highly concerned with people from all walks of life, he was always willing to devote his time on any level to anyone.

"In view of Frank Carlson's dedicated career of service to the people of his community, the state of Kansas and the nation, it is only appropriate that this federal building be named in his honor."

Frank Carlson was born on a Concordia, Kan., farm on Jan. 23, 1893. He attended the public schools, Concordia Normal and Business College and Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kan.

After serving in the Army in World War I, he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 1929. From 1932 to 1934 he was state chairman of the Republican Party, and in 1935 he was elected to the U.S. Congress. Carlson served five successive terms in Washington as representative from Kansas, but in 1946 he was not a candidate for reelection. Instead, he was elected governor of Kansas in that year.

Frank Carlson served as governor of Kansas until his election to the U.S. Senate in 1950 to fill the unexpired term of Senator Clyde M. Reed. He was then elected to the U.S. Senate for a full term in 1951 and continued to be re elected until his decision not to be a candidate in 1968.

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