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DOLE TO HOST SPACE SHUTTLE CREW KANSAN STEVE HAWLEY AND FELLOW ASTRONAUTS TO VISIT SENATOR DOLE

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole will greet Salina's hometown hero Steve Hawley and his fellow Space Shuttle "Discovery" astronauts in the Senator's office (SH-141), at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 27. Hawley's Congressman, Pat Roberts, will also attend the meeting.

Hawley was born in Ottawa in 1951, but grew up in Salina. He graduated from Salina Central High School in 1969, and from the University of Kansas in 1973. The Kansan received a doctor of philosophy in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of California in 1977. Hawley is married to Dr. Sally K. Ride, the country's first female astronaut.

Hawley's crewmates include the commander of "Discovery," Michael Coats, along with Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr., Richard Mullane, Judith Resnik, and Charles David Walker.

Hawley is the third Kansan to go into space. Ron Evans of Topeka orbited the moon on Apollo 17 and Joe Engle of Chapman was the commander of the second flight of the space shuttle "Columbia."