

## News from Senator

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### STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE SPACE SHUTTLE TRAGEDY

THE SENATE SHARES THE NATION'S GRIEF WITH THE TRAGEDY AT CAPE CANAVERAL TODAY. WE HAVE LOST SEVEN BRAVE AMERICANS WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO PROBING THE UNKNOWN. OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE AMERICAN HEROES.

WE ARE SHOCKED BY THE WRENCHING IMAGE OF THIS NATION'S SCIENTIFIC PRIDE AND JOY DISAPPEARING OVER THE FLORIDA COAST. MANY IN THIS BODY HAVE COME TO KNOW OUR ASTRONAUTS AND THEY ARE INDEED THE RIGHT STUFF: VIBRANT, FEARLESS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PROUDLY CARRIED THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE INTO OUTER SPACE. WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF OUR OWN SHUTTLE CREW MEMBER, SENATOR JAKE GARN OF UTAH, AND SPACE PIONEER SENATOR JOHN GLENN OF OHIO. AND SO TODAY'S DISASTER IS A PERSONAL AS WELL AS A NATIONAL LOSS.

THE SPACE SHUTTLE HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT. ITS SUPERB TRACK RECORD HAS MADE THESE LAUNCHES ALMOST ROUTINE, BUT WE ARE NOW REMINDED THAT THE ROAD TO THE HEAVENS IS A DANGEROUS ONE.

LET US REMEMBER THE FIVE MEN AND TWO WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES TO THEIR COUNTRY.

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