

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
INTRODUCING DR. JONAS SAVIMBI,
LEADER OF THE ANGOLAN RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION UNITA
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I'M HONORED TO WELCOME TO THE SENATE, AND TO MY OFFICE,
DR. JONAS SAVIMBI -- THE LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE
IN ANGOLA, ONE OF HIS COUNTRY'S GREAT PATRIOTS, ONE OF
AFRICA'S MOST DYNAMIC LEADERS.

JONAS SAVIMBI HAS OUR DEEPEST ADMIRATION AND RESPECT,
AND HE GOT IT THE HARD WAY -- HE EARNED IT. HE HAS FOUGHT
FOR THE REAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER
OF A CENTURY. HE WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE TEN-YEAR WAR
TO RID ANGOLA OF PORTUGUESE COLONIAL RULE. AND FOR THE PAST
DECADE, HE HAS LED THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET AND
CUBAN COLONIALISM.

DR. SAVIMBI'S PRIMARY GOAL IS TO INSURE THE FREEDOM OF
HIS OWN COUNTRY. BUT THE IMPACT OF HIS STRUGGLE IS MUCH
BROADER. BY STANDING AS A STRONG BULWARK AGAINST THE SPREAD
OF COMMUNIST IMPERIALISM THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA, DR.
SAVIMBI AND UNITA BECOME PART OF THE CHAIN OF DEMOCRATIC
RESISTANCE FORCES OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE, FROM

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NICARAGUA TO AFGHANISTAN TO KAMPUCHEA.

DR. SAVIMBI'S STRUGGLE IS PART OF ALL OF THEIRS. AND IT IS TIME THAT WE DECLARE OURSELVES, OPENLY AND CONCRETELY, TO BE PART OF HIS.

IT IS TIME THAT WE QUIT ASKING HIM TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST SOVIET JETS AND ROCKETS AND TANKS WITH JUST OUR GOOD WISHES. IT IS TIME THAT WE QUIT ASKING HIM TO FIGHT OUR FIGHT WITHOUT OUR SUPPORT.

IT IS TIME THAT WE, IN THE CONGRESS AND IN THE COUNTRY, LIVE UP TO OUR HISTORY, OUR RHETORIC AND -- MOST IMPORTANT -- OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, BY SUPPORTING DR. SAVIMBI AND UNITA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M PROUD TO PRESENT MY HONORED GUEST, DR. JONAS SAVIMBI..