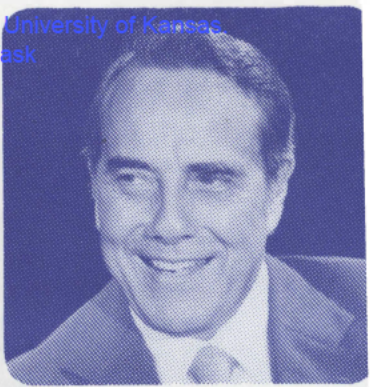


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STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY CRUSADE AGAINST DRUGS

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY FOR THEIR STIRRING HEART-TO-HEART TALK WITH AMERICA LAST NIGHT. THEIR PERSONAL, NONPARTISAN MESSAGE UNDERScoreD THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM AND MADE CLEAR THE HIGH PRIORITY THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN THE DRUG CRISIS. IT WAS A FINE OPENING SALVO IN THE WAR AGAINST DRUGS.

I STAND READY TO WORK WITH THE PRESIDENT AND LEADERS IN BOTH PARTIES TO HELP TURN THE CORNER ON THE TRAGEDY OF DRUG ABUSE.

ALREADY, SOME VERY GOOD INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES FROM BOTH PARTIES. THIS WEEK, I PLAN TO INTRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-DRUG PACKAGE. IT WILL USE THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL AS ITS FOUNDATION, AND AS SUCH, IT WILL SUPPORT A SUBSTANTIAL SENATE REPUBLICAN AMENDMENT THAT WILL INCLUDE SOME OF THE INITIATIVES OF THE BIPARTISAN HOUSE PACKAGE AND THE SENATE DEMOCRAT BILL.

BEFORE WE PUSH AHEAD INTO OUR LEGISLATIVE ATTACK ON DRUGS, I ESPECIALLY WANT TO COMMEND THE FIRST LADY FOR HER CONTINUED LEADERSHIP ON THE DRUG FRONT. HER DEDICATION AND CONCERN WILL SERVE AS A BEACON FOR ALL OF US AS WE UNITE FOR A FULL-SCALE ASSAULT ON THE DRUG EPIDEMIC.

THE NATION OWES HER A SPECIAL DEBT OF GRATITUDE. THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY HAVE SET THE PACE -- IT IS NOW OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FOLLOW. THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE.

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