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## STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE ON POW/MIA FLAG RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KANSAS) TODAY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION CALLING FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES POW/MIA FLAG IN THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF HIS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION.

"On Friday September 19th during POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies on Capitol Hill, I pledged that we would never forget the sacrifices of our brave soldiers unaccounted for and still missing. I also assured the families of our POWs and MIAs that we would never rest until we had a full accounting of all our missing servicemen. In recognition of the courage and dedication of these special families to keep the POW/MIA issue a national priority, I announced legislation to display the National League of Families POW/MIA flag in the Capitol Rotunda. This symbol will serve to further raise the American consciousness on this critical national issue and my legislation will mandate that the National League of Families flag remain on display until a satisfactory accounting of our POWs and MIAs has been made.

The display of this flag is the least we can do for our servicemen and their families."

MEET MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF HUMANE CONDUCT, AND TO LIVE UP TO THEIR WORD AND THEIR SIGNATURE ON THE MANY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS THEY HAVE SIGNED, IT IS HARD TO ARGUE THAT ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS THEY MAKE, OR OTHER AGREEMENTS THEY SIGN, HAVE MUCH VALUE.

SOVIET AGGRESSION THREATENS U.S. INTERESTS AND WORLD PEACE

SIMILARLY, THE PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED TO PRESS GORBACHEV HARD ON THE MATTER OF SOVIET AGGRESSION AND ADVENTURISM AROUND THE GLOBE, WHICH THREATENS U.S. INTERESTS AND REGIONAL AND WORLD PEACE. AFGHANISTAN IS THE PRIME CASE IN POINT. UNTIL THE SOVIETS REVERSE THEIR RECKLESS COURSE -- A COURSE WHICH HAS TAKEN THEM FROM INVASION, TO OCCUPATION, TO THE SAVAGE BUTCHERY OF A PEOPLE AND A CULTURE -- THEN THERE WILL BE NO PEACE IN AFGHANISTAN AND NO SECURITY FOR ANY OF THE COUNTRIES IN THAT REGION. UNTIL THE SOVIETS STOP THEIR SUPPORT OF AGGRESSION AND SUBVERSION ELSEWHERE AROUND THE GLOBE -- IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CENTRAL AMERICA -- THEN WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ANY BROAD, PERMANENT REDUCTION OF TENSIONS OR FIND ANY PATH TO A MORE SECURE FUTURE FOR US ALL.

THESE ARE THE MESSAGES OF THIS RESOLUTION, AND THE MESSAGES THAT I KNOW THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO TAKE WITH HIM TO REYKJAVIK. I URGE ALL SENATORS TO SIGNAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT AND ENDORSEMENT OF THESE THEMES BY VOTING FOR THIS RESOLUTION.