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DOLE CONGRATULATES VICTORIOUS JAYHAWKS

Washington, D.C. -- Calling the University of Kansas' march to the National Championship "one of the greatest chapters in the history of college basketball," Kansas Senator Bob Dole today offered his congratulations to Head Coach Larry Brown and his National Champion Kansas Jayhawks.

"The National Champion Jayhawks have added new meaning to our state motto, 'To the stars through difficulties,'" said Dole. "It just goes to show you -- don't listen to the critics, follow your heart."

Dole watched Monday's game on television in Washington after attending Saturday's Final Four game between Kansas and Duke in Kansas City. He telephoned University of Kansas Chancellor Gene Budig this morning with his congratulations and sent the following telegram to Coach Larry Brown:

"Dear Coach Brown: I always knew 1988 would be a great year for someone in Kansas. Guess what -- it's you! Congratulations, National Champions. Thanks to your leadership, the Jayhawks have written one of the greatest chapters in the history of college basketball. Enjoy it. Kansas is proud. (Signed Bob Dole)."

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