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DOLE ANNOUNCES CUBAN FAMILY TO BE REUNITED IN
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today announced that Marobi Marquez of Kansas City, Kansas will be reunited with her family from Cuba tonight after 17 years of separation. The family is scheduled to arrive at 6 p.m. tonight at Kansas City International Airport.

Family members who will be arriving include Marquez's 80 year-old mother, Delia Padron-Mendoza, Marquez's sister, Miriam Uriarte and her husband Manuel, and the Uriarte's two children, Dianna and Adolfo. Pastor Ken Freemyer and other members of the First Southern Baptist Church involved in the family's successful emmigration will also be at the airport.

"The arrival tonight of the Padron-Mendoza family will undoubtedly be an occasion of great joy for the family itself and for all those, including myself, who have worked to secure their reunion," said Dole.

"After years of requests from the U.S. government, the family has finally been allowed to leave Castro's Cuba for the promise of a new life in the United States. My thoughts and prayers go with them," concluded Dole.