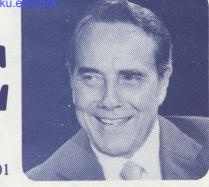
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PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNS DOLE BILL FOR EISENHOWER COIN

WASHINGTON -- AT AN OVAL OFFICE CEREMONY TODAY, PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNED INTO LAW A BILL WRITTEN BY KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE THAT WILL AUTHORIZE THE MINTING OF A NEW SILVER COIN TO COMMEMORATE THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER.

THE ONE DOLLAR COIN -- TO BE AVAILABLE ON JANUARY 1, 1990 -- WILL BE MINTED AT NO COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS REDUCING THE FEDERAL DEFICIT.

"DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER IS A TRUE AMERICAN HERO. HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND THE FREE WORLD," SAID DOLE, WHO ATTENDED THE OVAL OFFICE SIGNING ALONG WITH SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM AND FIRST DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN PAT ROBERTS.

SENATOR DOLE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EISENHOWER CENTENNIAL COMMISSION, A 21-MEMBER PANEL THAT HELPS DIRECT A NUMBER OF SPECIAL EVENTS COMMEMORATING EISENHOWER'S BIRTHDATE -- OCTOBER 14, 1890.

"AS A KANSAN, AND AS ONE OF THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF G.I.'S WHO SERVED UNDER IKE IN EUROPE DURING WORLD WAR II, I AM PROUD TO SEE THIS EISENHOWER COIN BILL BECOME LAW," DOLE SAID. "IT IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO A MAN WHOSE LIFE MEANT SO MUCH TO HIS STATE, HIS COUNTRY AND THE FREE WORLD. HE TOUCHED MILLIONS WITH HIS COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP AND INDOMITABLE SPIRIT.

"AS SOLDIER, STATESMAN AND PRESIDENT, DWIGHT EISENHOWER DEMONSTRATED THE BASIC VALUES OF OUR DEMOCRACY -- AN UNFLINCHING COMMITMENT TO THE RULE OF LAW AND REASON," SENATOR KASSEBAUM SAID. "HIS QUIET STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION REMAIN A STANDARD TO WHICH EVERY AMERICAN CAN ASPIRE."

"THERE ARE TWO PORTRAITS WHICH HANG IN MY CAPITOL OFFICE:
ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER. THEY ARE AMERICAN
GIANTS WHO HAVE HAD A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON MY CAREER IN PUBLIC
SERVICE, "DOLE ADDED. "I AM CERTAIN I AM NOT ALONE IN MY
ADMIRATION FOR THESE AMERICAN HEROES."