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PRESIDENT REAGAN SALUTES DOLE FOR LEADERSHIP; KANSAS SENATOR "DEDICATED, DISCIPLINED & COMMITTED"

WASHINGTON -- PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN THANKED KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE FOR EIGHT YEARS OF "TIRELESS" LEADERSHIP BY SAYING "HE'S NEVER LET ME DOWN" DURING THE PRESIDENT'S TWO TERMS IN OFFICE.

REAGAN, THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT A REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISING EVENT, USED THE OCCASION TO PRAISE SENATOR DOLE FOR HIS WORK AS REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE SENATE -- A LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT HELPED TURN RONALD REAGAN'S VISION FOR AMERICA INTO THE LAW OF THE LAND.

"HIS TITLE OF 'LEADER' IS NOT JUST A JOB TITLE, IT IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN, A MAN I HAVE COME TO KNOW SO WELL," PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID.

"I HAVE RELIED ON BOB DOLE'S HELP AND COUNSEL SINCE I TOOK OFFICE, AND HE HAS NOT EVER LET ME DOWN. ON ISSUE AFTER ISSUE, FROM TAX REVISION, TO FARM LEGISLATION, TO SUPPORT FOR ANTI-COMMUNIST FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT BOB. HE HAS WON MY RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP AND THAT OF HIS COLLEAGUES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE -- EVEN HIS POLITICAL ADVERSARIES STEAL HIS JOKES. NO, IN ALL OF WASHINGTON, I HAVE NOT MET A MAN WHO IS MORE DEDICATED, DISCIPLINED, AND COMMITTED TO ACCOMPLISHING WHATEVER HE SETS HIS MIND TO THAN BOB DOLE."

"BOB HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HELP OUR REPUBLICAN SENATE CANDIDATES AND TO WORK FOR OUR NATIONAL TICKET. HE HAS CAMPAIGNED ALL ACROSS AMERICA. IN FACT, HE HAS LOGGED SO MANY AIR MILES ON HIS FREQUENT FLYER CARD THAT HE QUALIFIES FOR A FREE TRIP ON THE SPACE SHUTTLE."