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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY MARCH 20, 1990

AS THE SENIOR SENATOR FROM ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT FARM STATES, I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT TODAY IS "NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY".

IT IS A DAY WHEN ALL OF US CAN SAY "THANK YOU" TO THE AMERICAN FARMER AND HIS FAMILY; "THANK YOU" FOR ALL THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION; "THANK YOU" FOR THE SAFE AND UNENDING SUPPLY OF GOOD FOOD; AND "THANK YOU" FOR MAKING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE THE ENVY OF THE WORLD.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH BOUNTY.

KANSAS--AN AGRICULTURAL GIANT

I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD OF OUR KANSAS FARMERS. MY HOME STATE HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AS THE "WHEAT STATE", RANKING NUMBER ONE IN WHEAT PRODUCED AND WHEAT FLOUR MILLED. KANSAS FARMERS ALSO HOLD THE TOP SPOT IN SORGHUM SILAGE AND GRAIN PRODUCED, CATTLE PROCESSED, AND FLOUR MILLING CAPACITY. WE ARE NUMBER TWO IN ACRES OF PRIME FARMLAND AND TOTAL CROPLAND ACREAGE, AS WELL AS RED MEAT PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER PLANTS. THE ANNUAL VALUE OF KANSAS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS MORE THAN \$6 BILLION IN CROPS AND LIVESTOCK.

KANSAS FARMERS HAVE DONE IT THE OLD FASHIONED WAY -- THEY'VE EARNED THEIR LOFTY STATUS WITH AN ALL-AMERICAN WORK ETHIC. WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH, KANSANS ARE TOUGHER.

THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS HAVE SINGLE-HANDEDLY MADE OUR STATE THE BREADBASKET OF THE WORLD. TODAY, I JOIN THE REST OF THE NATION IN HONORING AND EXTENDING OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO TRULY ARE AMERICA'S PROVIDERS.