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## DOLE HOSTS RETIREMENT PARTY FOR KANSAN

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) today hosted a retirement party in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Rouse. Rouse, a native of Liberal, Kansas, is retiring from the United States Air Force at the end of this month.

Rouse graduated from Liberal High School, Liberal, Kansas in 1965. After one year at Wichita State University, Senator Dole, then Congressman Dole, appointed Rouse, a native of Liberal, Kansas, to the U.S.A.F. Academy in 1966.

Rouse has more than 3500 flying hours. He is a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, and National Security Management School. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Combat Readiness Medal.

Throughout his career, Rouse has been stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, at England Air Force Base, and at Osan Air Base, Korea. Most recently, Rouse was stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia as the Chief of Air/Land Programs.

"I am proud that I played a role in Ron's goals, but I gave him only an opportunity. It was Ron's desire that got him through the academic rigors of the Academy. And it was his intelligence, willingness to accept responsibility and his leadership abilities that made his military career very successful," said Dole.