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IT'S OFFICIAL: TOPEKA MONROE SCHOOL IS NOW HISTORIC LANDMARK - PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS DOLE/KASSEBAUM BILL

WASHINGTON -- President Bush has signed legislation authored by Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum that will make Topeka's Monroe Elementary School a national historic landmark.

"I am pleased President Bush agrees with us that this Kansas school deserves national recognition for its prominent role in civil rights," Dole said about the Presidential action last night. "This historic site will bring pride to our state, along with more visitors. The landmark Brown vs. Board of Education already has its rightful place in American history and now the school where it all started will have its rightful place, too."

In the Senate's final hours before adjourning for the year, Dole prevailed upon Senators objecting to unrelated provisions attached to the bill by the House of Representatives to permit the Monroe School legislation to pass. The Senate action sent the Dole compromise to the President for his signature.

"I want to especially congratulate Cheryl Brown Henderson, for her determination and hard work. She has been an inspirational voice in making the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site a reality."