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DOLE RECOMMENDS HATCH TO HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today announced his recommendation of Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) to serve on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council was established by law in 1980 as a national commitment to remembrance. The Council encourages and sponsors appropriate observances throughout the United States of Days of Remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust.

Chief among the Council's activities has been the planning, construction and oversight of the United States Memorial Museum in the Nation's capital. The museum, scheduled to open in April, is an American memorial to the millions of victims of the Holocaust, and will serve as a research and education center with national outreach programs.

"I am pleased that Orrin will be serving on this important Commission," Dole said. "He is committed to fighting intolerance and hatred, and to preserving the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust."

"I am extremely honored to receive an appointment to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council," Hatch said. "The Holocaust Museum will provide visitors to Washington with a unique opportunity to learn about a tragic episode in modern history that resulted in the death of six million Jews. This museum is clearly dedicated to remembering the suffering and persecution that Jews experienced at the hands of the Nazis. However, this museum also will demonstrate in the clearest possible terms the human cost of averting our eyes to prejudice, hatred, and genocide. I hope that individuals of all faiths visit this important museum when it opens in April and walk away from the museum committed to fighting anti-Semitism and religious intolerance of any kind."

As the Republican Leader, Dole is entitled to recommend Senators for appointment to the Commission by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.