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DOLE APPOINTS KANSAN TO COORDINATING COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced his appointment of Judge James L. Burgess, of Wichita, to serve on the Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The Council, which was established in 1974 as an independent organization in the executive branch, is responsible for coordinating all Federal juvenile delinquency programs and for developing a long-term plan on delinquency programs. Membership on the Council, which is chaired by the Attorney General, was expanded in last year's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Reauthorization to provide for the appointment of nine outside members who are practitioners in the field of juvenile justice.

"As a leader in the Wichita community, Judge Burgess brings a wealth of experience and Kansas common sense to the council's important work," Dole said.

Judge Burgess presides over the Juvenile Department of the Eighteenth Judicial District in Sedgwick County. He is active in anti-crime and anti-drug programs for youth, including the Inter-Agency Task Force on Gangs, the Wichita Police Department D.A.R.E. Advisory Committee and the Sedgwick County Family & Youth Commission.

Judge Burgess is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Washburn University Law School. He and his wife, Cynthia, have two daughters.