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## DOLE PROPOSAL FOR PRESERVATION STUDY OF AMELIA EARHART'S ATCHISON HOME WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole's proposal to fund a National Park Service preservation study of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart's childhood home in Atchison, Kansas won final approval in the Senate today. The funding, totaling \$90,000, was included in the 1995 Interior Appropriations Bill, which now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law.

"This could be an important step towards establishing Amelia Earhart's Atchison birthplace and childhood home as a National Historic Site," Dole said. "This study will allow for public hearings and should determine the viability of Park Service involvement in telling the inspirational story of this courageous aviation pioneer, who has been an inspiration to so many in Kansas and across America."

The property is now maintained by the Ninety-Nines, a women's pilot group founded by Amelia Earhart. A Park Service study would provide a number of options for preserving the Amelia Earhart home and providing for future renovations.