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## RON BROWN RESOLUTION

STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE ON BIPARTISAN SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING VICTIMS OF THE PLANE CRASH IN CROATIA

Chaplain Ogilvie said it best Monday in his prayer marking the Senate's return after a two-week recess, when he said "our hearts are still at half-mast."

Like all Senators, I was saddened by the tragic April third airplane accident that led to the loss of Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and 32 other government and business leaders.

I was not privileged to know Secretary Brown as well as many of my colleagues. But in my dealings with him, I was impressed by his professionalism, his wit, and his ability to get things done.

The outpouring of emotion that followed his death was testimony to the fact that not only was Secretary Brown an outstanding public servant, he was also an outstanding friend, who touched many lives through his generosity.

The 32 other Americans lost in the accident were also friends, parents, sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters.

And I know I speak for all the Senate in saying that our thoughts and prayers remain with the Brown family, and with the families and friends of all the victims of this tragedy.

Yesterday, at the request of the Democrat leader and myself, S. Res. 241, honoring Secretary Brown and the 32 other Americans who died in the accident, was read for the information of the Senate.