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ARMORY DEDICATED TO WINT SMITH

MANKATO - Senator Bob Dole payed tribute Sunday to Wint Smith as Mankato's
National Guard Armory was dedicated to the Kansas Congressman who preceded
Dole in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Dole called Smith an "extraordinary man -- one whose good deeds and
accomplishment's over six decades of service to his fellow citizens have
already insured that his name will be long remembered."

"Wint made a career out of saying exactly what he believed, a fairly
novel approach during his time in the Congress," Dole said. "He never missed
an opportunity to speak his mind on the key moral and legislative issues
facing the nation. And he didn't hesitate to voice his skepticism about
the capabilities of the federal government."

The Kansas Senator said it was especially appropriate "to dedicate
Mankato's National Guard Armory to the soldier-statesman-patriot who
was so instrumental in locating it here. At a time when many of our fellow
countrymen would weaken our national defense, we -- the people of Mankato
and Kansas -- can be proud that this edifice is to be named in honor of an
intensely loyal and patriotic man who understood the need for military
strength. Not because we want to rule the world or impose our values on
others, but because we want to preserve our liberty."

"Wint Smith understood that. He knew that liberty without strength
would not long endure, and that military security without freedom was not
worth preserving. That's why he had such a distinguished military career, why
he was an outspoken advocate of an America whose strength was second to none.
And it is also why a day didn't go by that Wint Smith didn't have a copy of
the United States Constitution -- that timeless document that insures our
liberty -- in his pocket. Because, as Wint said, 'If you don't have the
Constitution, you don't have anything'."

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