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DOLE PROPOSES HUBERT H. HUMPHREY BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today introduced legislation to name a Department of Health, Education and Welfare building in honor of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. Principal cosponsors of the Dole proposal to name the new South Portal Federal Office Building, located at 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., in honor of Senator Humphrey, are Senators Wendell Anderson, Jennings Randolph, Robert Stafford and Milton Young.

Following is the text of Dole's introductory statement:

Mr. President, I am today introducing legislation to name the new South Portal Federal Building of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in honor of our distinguished colleague from Minnesota, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey.

Through over three decades of public service -- as Mayor of Minneapolis, as United States Senator, as Vice President of the United States, and as the nominee of his party for President of the United States -- my friend Hubert has been in the forefront of the struggle for social and economic justice. The lives of millions of Americans -- the old, the young, the disadvantaged -- are better today because Hubert Humphrey has not hesitated to champion unpopular causes, blazing the trail on key national issues before they were national issues.

Like any great leader, he has his critics. But none doubt his sincerity and good will. Few have done more to improve the health, education and welfare of our citizenry. Due in no small part to his efforts, our senior citizens are healthier, the young are better fed and better educated, the daily lives of the poor in America are more bearable. There is still much to be done.

Scores of vital federal programs which are administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are operating today largely because Hubert Humphrey fought for them: Medicare, Headstart, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Community Mental Health Act, the Health Professional Scholarships Act. The list, Hubert Humphrey's record of commitment, goes on and on.

He is a man of uncommon decency and compassion, a great political leader, a patriot, a kind and generous man who will continue to contribute to the betterment of this nation for years to come. The people of the United States, whatever their party affiliation, whatever their philosophy, are fortunate to have Hubert Humphrey in their service. He is, has been, and will continue to be a great national asset. I have worked with him and fought with him, but always admired him.

The Congress of the United States will heap honor upon itself by honoring this great American, to whom the nation owes so much -- Hubert Horatio Humphrey.