

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: BOB WAITE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1979 (202) 224-8953 SENATORS DOLE, MATHIAS HONOR NAACP'S CLARENCE MITCHELL AT CAPITOL HILL BREAKFAST

WASHINGTON-- Senators Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) and Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., today hosted a breakfast in the United States Capitol honoring Clarence Mitchell, Director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau.

The breakfast was attended by more than a score of Senators, including Jacob Javits (R.-N.Y.), Edmund Muskie (D.-Maine), Paul Sarbanes (D-Maryland), Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker (R.-Tennessee), Richard Lugar (R-Indiana), Quentin Burdick (D-North Dakota), Dennis DeConcini (D-Arizona), and John Warner (R.-Virginia).

Others attending included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, director of Operation P.U.S.H., Joe Rauh, civil rights activist and A.D.A. leader, 17 members of the Black Leadership Forum, and members of Mr. Mitchell's distinguished family.

At the end of the last Congress, Mr. Mitchell stepped down from his demanding post as the NAACP's chief lobbyist to serve as fulltime chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

"I was most pleased to co-sponsor this breakfast this morning," said Senator Dole. "Clarence Mitchell is an outstanding American. He has earned the respect and admiration of all who know him and has earned the title of 'the 101st Senator,'" said Dole.

"It is fitting at the beginning of the 96th Congress that the Senate of the United States meet to applaud Clarence Mitchell and to acknowledge the courageous and enduring stands he has taken on civil rights," said Senator Mathias.

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CUTLINE FOR PICTURE: HONORED AT THE CAPITOL WAS CLARENCE MITCHELL, SHOWN HERE WITH BREAKFAST CO-SPONSORS CHARLES McC. MATHIAS OF MARYLAND AND BOB DOLE OF KANSAS.