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### SENATOR BAKER AND SENATOR DOLE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, earlier this year, U.S. News & World Report polled 1,717 opinion leaders in 29 fields, asking them to rank the 30 most influential Americans.

It was no surprise that our own colleague and distinguished leader, Senator HOWARD BAKER of Tennessee, ranked fifth from the top.

As Senator DOLE said recently in an open letter to the people of Tennessee, when their senior Senator retires from the Senate in 1985, he will leave a great vacuum in his wake.

For the record, I wish to share Senator DOLE's open letter with all in this body who have been privileged to serve under HOWARD BAKER's leadership.

But first, I wish to add a few choice words regarding the letter's author—my chairman on the Finance Committee.

Certainly, the Lord threw away the mold when he made BOB DOLE. He is one of a kind, and as HOWARD BAKER himself admitted in a recent Newsweek interview, BOB DOLE's image has often not matched the man.

"I was not a BOB DOLE Admirer before 1980," HOWARD admitted in print read worldwide. "I thought he was caustic and harsh." But Senator BAKER has since come to describe his good friend from Kansas as a man of courage, vision, and rare compassion. His own painful encounter with suffering, after sustaining a severe wound in World War II, helped produce one of America's most outstanding leaders of this generation. Handicapped Americans, especially, have won a wonderful friend in this Kansas Senator: Earlier this year he established the Dole Foundation to help educate and train handicapped citizens, to help assure them richer lives.

Last year, radio station WMAL here in Washington asked reporters covering the Senate to rank its most outstanding Members. Topping the list was this pair of Republicans—HOWARD BAKER and BOB DOLE. So HOWARD, I join BOB DOLE in saying we will sorely miss you. But BOB—we are relieved to hang onto you. So do not get any big ideas about moving down to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

I would like to insert Senator DOLE's entire letter in the RECORD. But first, an excerpt or two:

Andrew Jackson once defined the heart and soul of true leadership: "One man with courage makes a majority." For the past 16 years now, another Tennessean has embodied Jackson's concept. Since January 1967, he has lent grace as well as courage to the United States Senate. As you well know, he now prepares to return to the people who sent him to Washington. And the Volunteer State can take enormous pride in this citizen-politician from Huntsville, who volunteered his gift for leading at a special time in American history.

Quoting Senator DOLE, but speaking also for myself:

Howard, we will miss you.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. GRASSLEY. I yield to the Senator from Kansas, yes.

Mr. DOLE. I first want to thank my colleagues from the State of Iowa. I hope I may live long enough to deserve those kind comments.

I want to reiterate his comments concerning the distinguished majority leader who is now in the Chamber, if we could have the attention of the majority leader.

Senator GRASSLEY just made an outstanding statement concerning the leadership of this distinguished Tennessean. He has included in his remarks reference to an open letter I had written to a Tennessee paper. I just want to reiterate what I indicated in those remarks and what Senator GRASSLEY has indicated on the Senate floor, that Senator BAKER is truly an outstanding leader. We are very pleased on both sides of the aisle to have the privilege of his leadership.



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Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Kansas for originating the article. It is a true statement of a true statesman. The title of the column is: "A New Title for Senator Baker: Statesman."

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the column from the Knoxville News-Sentinel, dated August 2, 1983, be printed in the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the column was ordered to be printed in the RECORD,

#### A NEW TITLE FOR BAKER: STATESMAN

(Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) wrote this guest column as an open letter to the people of Tennessee about his colleague, Sen. Howard Baker.)

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#### THE MANDATE

I came to Congress myself back in 1961, when a vibrant president offered a new dream. Now that dream is being dusted off anew, thanks to Ronald Reagan, his faith in America, and his allies in Congress who share that faith. In all those years, believe me, Howard and I have seen a lot of changes. But perhaps none of them as dramatic as the people's mandate of 1980. I was lucky enough to be one of the early winners in my reelection bid at that memorable election year. Of course, if wasn't my race that captured the attention—Ronald Reagan's stunning landslide did that. But the change in control of the Senate was perhaps as important as the change at the White House. History was in the making and Sen. Baker telephoned me in Topeka to share the moment.

"Bob" he said enthusiastically, "if things keep going the way they seem to be, we'll take over the Senate for the first time in 26, and you're going to be chairman of the Senate Finance Committee."

"That's great, Howard," I replied, "But who's going to tell Russell Long?"

The Democrat senator from Louisiana had occupied that position for 14 years. To a lot of people, he was the Finance Committee. We didn't, of course, have to tell Russell Long or Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd—the voters did it for us. Eighty million had spoken, demanding changes of policy and a reordering of priorities. A new order was about to unfold—and Howard Baker was going to be the leader. Yet, that was only the beginning. When your senator called me on that November night some 20 months ago, I doubt if either one of us fully realized the awesome challenge entrusted to us by the voters of America.

#### THE LEADER

Since then, Sen. Baker has never forgotten the main function of a majority leader—to lead a majority. That principle requires compromise as well as courage. It demands the patience of a saint, the good humor of a sage, and the practical skills of a seasoned tactician. It also requires about 24 hours of each day.

There have probably been more than a few of you who have found yourselves in Washington during the past couple of years, and visited the office of your senior senator only to be told that he was somewhere else. Well, let me tell you where he was. When the Senate is in session, he runs the show. When he isn't debating a bill or shaping a budget, he's probably at the White House, formulating legislative strategy, or lending the weight of his experience to the President of the United States.

If Ronald Reagan has launched a revolution, then Howard Baker has certainly been prominent in its front ranks. Thanks in small part to his efforts, your taxes have been reduced and reformed. Your government has been made more responsive to grassroots sentiment. Your nation's defenses have been strengthened. And your Congress—at least the Senate—has taken on a note of dignity and decorum in keeping with its historical standards.

#### THE STATESMAN

I have had the privilege of serving in Washington for more than 22 years. Through six presidencies and 11 Congresses, I have had the opportunity of working with and learning from some of the most powerful officials in our recent history. But of all the men and women that I have encountered since January of 1961, there are a precious few who stand apart. Gerald Ford, Hubert Humphrey and Everett Dirksen come to mind.

When the history of this era is written, there's no doubt the senator from Huntsville will take his place among the handful entitled to be called "statesmen." And that honor has already been determined in a career that is far from complete.

So, why have I written this letter to the people of Tennessee? To thank you from the heart for sending Howard Baker to the United States Senate.

Those of us who remain will miss him, but we have benefited greatly from his presence.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. GRASSLEY. I yield.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I must confess surprise. I did not know the Senator from Iowa and my good friend was about to make these remarks or that the Senator from Kansas was about to make remarks. I am grateful in the extreme. I thank them.

I have not read the article, but I assure him I will. I am sure I will be intoxicated with the wine that flows from it.

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I really am grateful. Any time there are statements of approval or approbation for my actions in the Senate, I count it a great pleasure against those times when remarks might not be so kindly.

Seriously, it is a pleasure to serve with the Senator from Iowa. I express my special appreciation, too, to the Senator from Kansas.

Mr. President, I recall so clearly the first time I met Senator GRASSLEY, then Congressman GRASSLEY. He invited me to speak to a Lincoln Day district meeting in his State. I came back from that meeting knowing intuitively, instinctively, and certainly that this man had a strong bond of support with his constituents and was destined to go far. He has gone a long way in the Senate and will go further.

CHARLES GRASSLEY: A WORKHORSE FROM NEW  
HARTFORD

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, the Senator from Kansas would like to offer a few words about his friend and colleague from Iowa, CHARLES GRASSLEY.

Earlier today, on the Senate floor, the Senator from Iowa was kind enough to make some flattering comments about HOWARD BAKER and an article that this Senator wrote in praise of the distinguished majority leader.

But Senator GRASSLEY, in his typically gracious way, also made some very complimentary comments about me.

Let me tell you, his unsolicited remarks are deeply appreciated. As every Member of this body knows, CHUCK GRASSLEY is one of the hardest working Senators in the history of the U.S. Congress. As chairman of the Finance Committee, I know firsthand the kind of dedication, energy, and ideas Senator GRASSLEY brings to work with him every day.

Of course, the hard work pays off for constituents. But then, that is why Iowans, year after year, have elected CHUCK GRASSLEY to be their representative on Capitol Hill.

Do not underestimate this talented man from New Hartford. He is going to go far in this body.