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DOLE SALUTES RON WINEINGER

MARION NATIVE IS NEW NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today made the following Congressional Record statement in honor of Marion, Kansas resident Ron Wineinger. Last weekend, Wineinger was elected President of the Future Farmers of America.

Last weekend at the national convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri, six young individuals were selected as new national officers for the 1983-84 year. These highly motivated young leaders will direct the activities of 469,000 members in 8,350 FFA chapters across America. The primary aim of the FFA is the development of agricultural leadership, citizenship and cooperation.

I'm especially pleased to report that Ron Wineinger, from Marion, Kansas, has been selected as the new national FFA President. Ron is only the second Kansan ever to be selected to the FFA's highest office.

KEEPING AMERICA ON THE GROW

The theme for the FFA during the next year will be: "Vocational agriculture and FFA, keeping America on the grow." Indeed, the future of agricultural prosperity of this nation will depend upon the training and initiatives of today's youth.

The state of Kansas has had several FFA members receive a national office in recent years. Dee James, Clay Center, was a Vice President in 1979-80, Sam Brownback, Parker, was a Vice President in 1976-77, Ron Wilson, Zeandale, who now works for the Senate Agriculture Committee was a Vice President in 1975-76 and Mark Mayfield, Caney, was Kansas' first President in 1973-74.

I congratulate the state of Kansas on their fine FFA tradition and extend to the FFA our best wishes during the coming year.