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BILL INTRODUCED TO CHANGE NAME OF "MARION LAKE"

Washington, D.C. -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) ANNOUNCED THAT LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED TODAY TO RENAME "MARION LAKE" THE "MARION RESERVOIR".

DOLE AND SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM (R-KS) ALONG WITH FIFTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN BOB WHITTAKER (R-KS) INTRODUCED LEGISLATION ON CAPITOL HILL ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL GROUPS IN MARION COUNTY WHO HAD REQUESTED THE NEW DESIGNATION. "MARION LAKE", A CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT, IS LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE CITY OF MARION.

"MARION COUNTY POSSESSES A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EXPANSION WITH TWO OF ITS IMPORTANT RESOURCES BEING TOURISM AND WATER RECREATION," SAID DOLE.

"THIS COUNTY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO BEAUTIFUL LAKES. HOWEVER, THEY BOTH HAVE THE SAME NAME - 'MARION LAKE'! THE NAME CHANGE SHOULD CLEAR UP CONFUSION THAT HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST BY THOSE WHO ARE PROMOTING BOTH LAKES IN MARION COUNTY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS THAT IS BEING MADE BY OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES," SAID DOLE.

SENATOR KASSEBAUM ADDED IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL, "I AM PLEASED TO WORK WITH SENATOR DOLE AND CONGRESSMAN WHITTAKER TO CLARIFY A SITUATION WHICH HAS TAKEN ON GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF MARION COUNTY. NO LONGER WILL THERE BE CONFUSION BETWEEN A 6,000 ACRE RESERVOIR AND A SMALL COUNTY LAKE. I AGREE WITH MARION AREA LEADERS WHO BELIEVE THIS DISTINCTION WILL PROVE BENEFICIAL IN ATTRACTING VISITORS TO SOME OF THE BEST FISHING AND WATER SPORTS IN KANSAS," SAID KASSEBAUM.

"I AM PLEASED TO HAVE INTRODUCED THIS LEGISLATION IN THE HOUSE TO CORRECT THE CONFUSION REGARDING THESE TWO LAKES. BY CHANGING THE NAME TO MARION RESERVOIR, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR FOLKS TO KNOW THAT MARION RESERVOIR IS A SEPARATE FACILITY FROM MARION LAKE," SAID CONGRESSMAN WHITTAKER.

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