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DOLE ON KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCEMENT

"THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS JUST GOT AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT -- SIX MORE YEARS OF NANCY," DOLE SAID. "SHE'S A ONE-OF-A-KIND PUBLIC SERVANT, INCOMPARABLE AND UNBEATABLE.

"I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN A TOUGH, PERSONAL DECISION FOR NANCY TO MAKE, WITH COMPELLING REASONS ON BOTH SIDES TO INFLUENCE HER," DOLE ADDED. "BUT IN THE END KANSAS CAME FIRST. I'M NOT SURPRISED, THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF PERSON NANCY IS. WE ADMIRE HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO SIX MORE YEARS OF LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE DONE A LOT TOGETHER AND WE'LL DO A LOT MORE.

"I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO HELP HER ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, BUT SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK SHE'LL NEED IT -- NANCY'S THIRD TERM IS IN THE BAG."

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