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MISS U.S.A. COMES TO WASHINGTON: KELLI McCARTY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS
MEETS PRESIDENT BUSH, IS SALUTED AT DOLE/KASSEBAUM RECEPTION;
PIZZA HUT DELIVERS 70 PIZZAS TO CAPITOL HILL

WASHINGTON -- AT THE INVITATION OF SENATOR BOB DOLE, THE NEW MISS U.S.A. -- KELLI McCARTY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS -- MADE HER FIRST VISIT TO THE NATION'S CAPITOL A MEMORABLE ONE.

SENATOR DOLE ESCORTED KELLI TO THE OVAL OFFICE THIS MORNING FOR A ONE-ON-ONE VISIT WITH PRESIDENT BUSH. SHE SPOKE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR DOLE ABOUT HER NEW ROLE AS MISS U.S.A., F-16'S (THE 184TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP IN TOPEKA NAMED ONE OF ITS FIGHTERS AFTER HER) AND OUR TROOPS IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

SHE PRESENTED A FRAMED PHOTO OF THAT FIGHTER TO THE PRESIDENT. KELLI RECEIVED A PRIVATE TOUR OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

NEXT, SHE TRAVELLED TO CAPITOL HILL WHERE KANSAS SENATORS NANCY KASSEBAUM AND BOB DOLE HOSTED A RECEPTION ATTENDED BY 300 PEOPLE. SENATOR DOLE GAVE HER A FLAG THAT FLEW OVER THE CAPITOL ON FEBRUARY 17TH, THE DAY SHE WON THE MISS U.S.A. TITLE IN WICHITA. IN EXCHANGE, KELLI GAVE SENATOR DOLE ONE OF THE SASHES SHE WORE AS MISS U.S.A.

SENATOR KASSEBAUM PRESENTED HER WITH AN OFFICIAL SENATE RESOLUTION SALUTING HER VICTORY AND WISHING HER WELL AS SHE REPRESENTS AMERICA DURING THE MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT IN LAS VEGAS ON MAY 17TH.

DURING THE CEREMONY, ELIZABETH DOLE, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, GAVE KELLI A PIN MAKING HER AN HONORARY RED CROSS VOLUNTEER.

AS A PROUD KANSAS CORPORATION, PIZZA HUT PROVIDED 70 PIZZAS FOR THE DOLE/KASSEBAUM MISS U.S.A. RECEPTION.

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