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> DOLE INTRODUCES KANSAS FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT NOMINEE AT CONFIRMATION HEARING - JOHN LUNGSTRUM, LAWRENCE, KS.

WASHINGTON - SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY INTRODUCED JOHN W. LUNGSTRUM, LAWRENCE, AT HIS CONFIRMATION HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. LUNGSTRUM HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR KANSAS BY PRESIDENT BUSH. THE FOLLOWING IS SENATOR DOLE'S STATEMENT:

IT IS A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE JOHN LUNGSTRUM, OF LAWRENCE, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME HIS WIFE, LINDA, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ALISON. JOHN AND LINDA'S SON, JUSTIN, A FRESHMAN AT YALE UNIVERSITY, AND DAUGHTER, JORDAN, A SOPHOMORE AT LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL, ARE UNABLE TO BE WITH US.

LAST MONTH, SENATOR DANFORTH HAD THE HONOR OF INTRODUCING TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE A NOMINEE WHO HAD ONCE WORKED FOR HIM. TODAY, I HAVE THAT SAME HONOR, AS JOHN ONCE SERVED AS AN INTERN IN MY OFFICE. I HAVE FOLLOWED HIS CAREER SINCE THAT TIME, AND AM PROUD TO NOTE THAT HE HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A SCHOLAR IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, AS A LEADER IN OUR STATE AND HIS COMMUNITY, AND AS A HUSBAND AND FATHER.

HE WILL BRING AN EXCEPTIONAL RECORD TO THE FEDERAL BENCH. DURING HIS UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AT YALE, JOHN, AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE "SCHOLARS OF THE HOUSE" PROGRAM, UNDERTOOK A RESEARCH PROJECT WHICH CHRONICLED THE LIFE OF OUR FAVORITE SON OF KANSAS, GOVERNOR ALFRED M. LANDON. I AM CONFIDENT THAT SINCE THAT TIME, THE WISDOM OF ALF LANDON HAS SERVED AS A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR JOHN'S RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIP.

FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE COIF AND SERVED AS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE LAW REVIEW, JOHN HAS DEVOTED HIS TIME AND EFFORTS TO KANSAS AND THE LAWRENCE COMMUNITY, AFTER SERVING 21 MONTHS OF ACTIVE DUTY IN KOREA AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

WHEN I REVIEW THE LENGTHY LIST OF BOARDS ON WHICH HE SERVES, THE TEAMS HE COACHES, AND THE COMMITTEES HE CHAIRS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT WE HAVE NOT ONLY A SCHOLAR AND EXPERIENCED LEGAL PRACTITIONER WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS PROFESSIONAL CAPABILITIES BUT A CONCERNED CITIZEN WHO HAS STEPPED FORWARD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WE WILL BE WELL SERVED BY JOHN LUNGSTRUM WITH HIS EXCEPTIONAL LEGAL CREDENTIALS AND WITH HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO COMMON SENSE LEADERSHIP. I AM CONVINCED THAT HE WILL MAKE A FINE JURIST AND URGE HIS FAVORABLE AND TIMELY CONFIRMATION.