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SALUTE TO BOB MICHEL

DOLE PAYS TRIBUTE TO RETIRING HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

One of the true privileges of serving as Senate Republican Leader for the past eight years has been the opportunity to work on a day-to-day basis with my counterpart in the House, Congressman Bob Michel.

I rise today to pay tribute to this outstanding public servant, who announced today that he will not seek re-election to the House in 1994.

Bob Michel is a true "Man of the House." He came here as a young World War II veteran, to work for the Congressman who represented his home town of Peoria. And when that Congressman retired in 1956, Bob succeeded him, and he has been re-elected ever since.

Heartland Values

Although he has spent much of his life in Washington, D.C., there is no doubt that Peoria is still Bob Michel's home. And the values that define Bob Michel as a man and a leader--values like hard work, honesty, and loyalty--are values that remain important in America's heartland.

When Bob retires from Congress, he will have served as Republican leader for 14 years. And no doubt about it, they have been some of the most remarkable years in American history.

Bob Michel stood with President Reagan as he restored America's economy, America's military, and America's pride. And when some were ready to cut and run from the President in the early 1980's, Bob Michel didn't back down--making the tough votes that kept America moving in the right direction.

And when President Bush came to Congress seeking support for Operations Desert Shield and Desert storm, he had no greater ally than Bob Michel.

Although the Democrat Leadership was opposed to the President, Bob worked tirelessly across party lines to deliver the votes that ensured that America would always stand up for freedom.

Honor Bob Michel with House Republican Majority

There will be a lot of tributes and a lot of salutes coming Bob's way in the next fifteen months. But I have two suggestions on how we can best honor him.

One is to give the Republican party a majority in the House of Representatives--something that has not occurred during Bob's 37 years in the House.

And the other is to allow Bob--and his outstanding singing voice---the chance to give a concert at Carnegie hall.

I thank Bob Michel for his friendship and his leadership, and I wish he, Corinne, and their family all the best in the years ahead.

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Remarks delivered on the Senate floor at approximately 12:25 PM.