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## DOLE INTRODUCES JOHN THOMAS MARTEN OF MCPHERSON AT SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARING

WASHINGTON - Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today introduced John Thomas Marten of McPherson, Kansas, at his confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. Marten has been nominated to the U.S. District Court for Kansas:

I am pleased to introduce John Thomas Marten of McPherson, Kansas.

Tom and his wife, the former Mary Tessendorf, graduated from high school in Onaga, Kansas. I have known the Tessendorf family in the Onaga community for many years.

Like me, Tom is a graduate of Washburn University Law School in Topeka, Kansas. Unlike me, Tom is actually putting that legal education to use.

Tom brings substantial experience to the federal bench. He has appeared frequently in court since joining the McPherson law firm of Bremyer & Wise in 1981. His primary focus has been litigation, emphasizing criminal defense and plaintiff personal injury.

The high regard for his professional capabilities is reflected in the praise offered by those who know him best. Bob Wise, senior partner in the firm and a long-time friend of mine, is present today.

Bob wrote me, "Fellow lawyers, clients and friends know Tom as a person of even temperament, compassion and a keen intellect. I have practiced law for more than three decades and have known many of Kansas' finest lawyers and judges. Based on that experience, I unequivocally recommend Tom..."

In the McPherson community, Tom has assumed leadership roles on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, on the Arts Council, and in the schools.

McPherson banker and former Fifth District Congressman Dick Nichols paid tribute to Tom, writing that "He has that desirable blend of trial experience, education and diversified working experience that makes him highly qualified. He is a family man, well respected, very active in the community, and the sort that embodies trust."

I have every confidence in Tom Marten and in his ability to meet the high standards we expect in the Federal Judiciary. He is an outstanding candidate. I recommend him to the Committee and urge favorable, prompt approval.