

MEMORANDUM

April 1, 1986

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Judy

RE: "Victory of the Human Spirit"/National Rehabilitation
Hospital Fundraiser--BLACKTIE

You, Teddy Kennedy, Jr., Ann Jillian (an actress who recently underwent a double mastectomy) and Teddy Pendergrass (very popular singer who became paralyzed and now successfully records and entertains from a wheelchair) are being honored at the "Victory of the Human Spirit" fundraiser for the National Rehabilitation Hospital on Monday, April 7, at 7 PM in the Concert Hall at the Kennedy Center. The two hour show (followed by a dinner/dance) will later become a televised TV special for national broadcast. Mrs. Ronald Reagan is the Honorary Chair (she and the President may attend) and Tony Coelho and Jim Brady are the National Co-Chairmen. Entertainers include Robert Guillaume, Henny Youngman, Marie Osmond, Linda Carter, etc. You will be introduced by Robert Blake at 8:30 (a tape showing your life in brief will be in the background). He will give a summary of your great achievements and you will walk up to the stage from your seat next to Elizabeth, shake hands, and receive an award like they do in the Academy Awards. You have no more than 90 seconds to say "thank you". I know that your spontaneous comments on looking back at your life and your disability and the people who helped you will be terrific, so I haven't drafted anything. You will then return to your seat next to Elizabeth (Seats J101-102) who will be seated with John & Debby Dingall

Elizabeth has requested that you be seated with the Dingalls at the General Motors table for the dinner/dance which begins at 9. At the table will be the Dingalls, Mr. & Mrs. James McDonald, President of GM, and Mr. & Mrs. James D. Johnston, VP of GM. The table number for dinner is Number 10.

THIS IS A HOLLYWOOD PRODUCTION AND MUST GO ON SCHEDULE.
YOU MUST BE IN YOUR SEAT, IN BLACKTIE, AT 8:20. I WILL WAIT FOR YOU AT THE FRONT OUTSIDE DOOR ENTRANCE TO THE CONCERT HALL TO ESCORT YOU TO YOUR SEAT. If you happen to arrive early, they suggest that you go backstage for appropriate make-up.

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DOLE INTRODUCES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED ACT

WASHINGTON -- SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KAN.) TODAY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION MAKING PERMANENT A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS AND MEDICAID TO THE WORKING DISABLED.

"The federal government should be doing everything it can to encourage disabled Americans to lead productive lives," Dole said. "This program makes good sense economically and socially."

Included in the Social Security Disability Amendments signed into law in 1980, was a three-year demonstration program that allowed disabled SSI recipients to continue receiving SSI cash payments and Medicaid coverage. This so-called section 1619 program was extended, again on a demonstration basis, in 1984. The Dole bill would make the program permanent.

"There is a growing recognition that the 1619 program could save money, not to mention the human dignity provided by being a contributing member of society," Dole said.

A recent Congressional Budget Office preliminary estimate shows zero budget impact from making the 1619 program permanent. And the Social Security Administration (SSA) estimates the financial advantages of allowing an SSI recipient to work are substantial. According to SSA, a typical SSI recipient at the age of 35 year old would receive at least \$200,000 in SSI income payments and health care benefits if not working by the time he reaches 65.

Attached is a fact sheet on the Employment Opportunities for Disabled Americans Act.