



Biography

United States Air Force

Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20330

GENERAL LARRY D. WELCH

General Larry D. Welch is chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. As chief, he serves as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipage of a combined active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian force of nearly 1 million people serving at approximately 3,000 locations in the United States and overseas. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he and the other service chiefs function as the principal military advisers to the secretary of defense, National Security Council and the president.



General Welch was born June 9, 1934, in Guymon, Okla., and graduated from Liberal (Kan.) High School in 1952. He received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of Maryland and a master of science degree in international relations from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. The general completed the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., in 1967 and the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., in 1972.

He enlisted in the Kansas National Guard in October 1951, serving with the 16th Armored Field Artillery until he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. In November 1953 he entered the aviation cadet program and received his pilot wings and commission as a second lieutenant. He served initially as a flight instructor until his assignment in July 1958 to Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

General Welch then served in tactical fighter units in Europe, the continental United States and Alaska before transferring to the Republic of Vietnam where he flew combat missions in F-4C's over North and South Vietnam and Laos.

After completing the Armed Forces Staff College in July 1967, he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., under the assistant chief of staff for studies and analysis. Upon graduation from the National War College in July 1972, he was assigned to Tactical Air Command, where he served in wing deputy commander for operations, vice commander and wing commander positions.

In August 1977 he transferred to Headquarters Tactical Air Command where he served as inspector general, deputy chief of staff for plans and deputy chief of staff for operations. In June 1981 he became commander of the 9th Air Force and Air Force component commander for the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force. In November 1982 he was assigned as deputy chief of staff for programs and resources at Air Force headquarters and became vice chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force in July 1984. From August 1985 to June 1986 he served as commander in chief, Strategic Air Command, and director, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. He assumed his present duties in July 1986.

(Current as of February 1988)

O V E R

The general is a command pilot with more than 5,800 flying hours. His military decorations and awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters.

He was promoted to general Aug. 1, 1984, with same date of rank.

General Welch is married to the former Eunice Ellis of Liberal, Kan. They have three sons, Brian E., Stewart R. and Paul A., and one daughter, Leslie A.

General, 'humanitarian' honored Kansans

Marianna Beach of Hays has been selected Kansan of the Year, and U.S. Air Force Gen. Larry D. Welch, Liberal, was named Distinguished Kansan by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

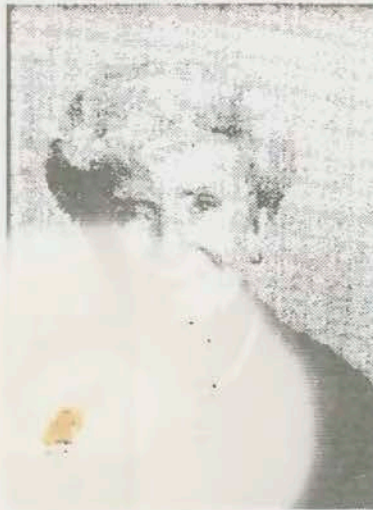
They will be honored at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 27 at Ramada Inn Downtown at the 71st annual dinner of the Native Sons and Daughters.

Beach is being honored for humanitarian work on community, state, national and international levels, especially on behalf of

Beach also is on committees dealing with rehabilitation and developmental issues in the state. She has been an officer of the Girl Scout Council, Kansas Olympic, Kansas Chapter National Committee on Child Abuse, Kansas Association for Mental Health, Kansas Advocacy and Protective Services, Kansas State Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation Services, and the Governor's Conference on Mental Retardation.

She also has been appointed twice to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

Beach has received the National Honor Medal of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Humanitarian Award of the American Overseas Organization, and distinguished service awards from the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and Sister Cities International. She has the Kansas State University Alumni Medallion Award and the Distinguished Service Award from



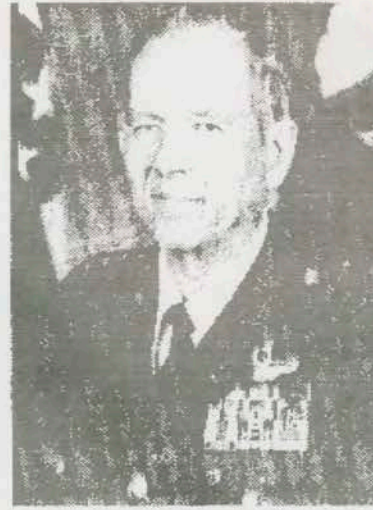
MARIANNA BEACH
Kansan of the Year

Fort Hays State University.

She was born at Lincoln, was graduated from Kansas State University in 1941, and she and her husband, Ross Beach, have three daughters, Mary Metz, Terry Edwards and Jane Hipp, and eight grandchildren.

Welch is being honored for his military accomplishments. He is chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force.

Welch was graduated from Liberal High School in 1952 and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Maryland, and a master's degree in international relations at George Washington University at Washington, D.C.



GEN. LARRY D. WELCH
Distinguished Kansan

He enlisted in the Kansas National Guard in 1951, while a senior at Liberal High School and served with the 16th Armored Field Artillery until he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1953, where he earned his pilot's wings and second lieutenant's commission in the Aviation Cadet Program.

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He and his wife have three sons, Brian, Stewart, and Paul, and one daughter, Leslie.

Tickets to the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas dinner may be ordered by mail. Send a check for \$16.50 to P.O. Box 1031, Topeka 66601. Tickets may be picked up at Ramada Inn Downtown the night of the dinner.

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PERSONAL FACT SHEET - GENERAL LARRY D. WELCH

A. Personal Data

1. Born - June 9, 1934, Guymon, Okla.
Father - Oliver Evan Welch; mother - Nina Katherine Welch.
2. Wife - Eunice Ellis Welch.
Children - Brian E., Stewart R., Paul A. and Leslie A.

B. Education

Graduated - University of Maryland, bachelor of arts degree, 1971; George Washington University, Washington, D.C., master of science degree, 1972; Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., 1967; and National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., 1972.

C. Service

1. October 1951 - August 1953, enlisted, Kansas National Guard.
2. November 1953 - August 1955, student, pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., and later advanced pilot training, Craig Air Force Base, Ala.
3. August 1955 - July 1958, flight instructor, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.; Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas; and Craig Air Force Base, Ala.
4. July 1958 - July 1962, team member, Single-Engine Standardization and Evaluation Team, Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; also project officer, T-38 trainers.
5. July 1962 - September 1963, chief, Combat Operations Center, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, and later pilot, 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Chaumont Air Base, France.
6. September 1963 - March 1966, pilot, flight commander and operations officer, 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
7. March 1966 - October 1966, operations officer, 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Phan Rang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam.
8. October 1966 - February 1967, chief, Operations and Training Division, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Da Nang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam.
9. February 1967 - July 1967, student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
10. July 1967 - August 1971, director, air superiority studies, Fighter Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Studies and Analysis; later chief, Fighter Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Studies and Analysis, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
11. August 1971 - July 1972, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

(General Welch cont.)

12. July 1972 - September 1974, deputy commander for operations, and later vice commander, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, George Air Force Base, Calif.
13. September 1974 - July 1975, special assistant to the commander, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
14. August 1975 - August 1977, commander, 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
15. August 1977 - October 1977, inspector general, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
16. October 1977 - March 1979, deputy chief of staff for plans, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
17. March 1979 - May 1981, deputy chief of staff for operations, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
18. June 1981 - November 1982, commander, 9th Air Force, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
19. November 1982 - July 1984, deputy chief of staff, programs and resources, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
20. July 1984 - August 1985, vice chief of staff, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
21. August 1985 - June 1986, commander in chief, Strategic Air Command, and director, Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
22. July 1986 - present, chief of staff, U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

D. Decorations and Service Awards

Defense Distinguished Service Medal
Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Distinguished Flying Cross
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters
Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one service star
Vietnam Service Medal with two service stars
Air Force Overseas Ribbon - short with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with seven oak leaf clusters
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
Order of National Security, Gugseon Medal (Republic of Korea)
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

(General Welch cont.)

E. Effective Dates of Promotions

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Second Lieutenant	Apr 29, 1955
First Lieutenant	Oct 29, 1956
Captain	Jan 1, 1960
Major	Jul 15, 1964
Lieutenant Colonel	Nov 1, 1968
Colonel	Jun 1, 1971
Brigadier General	Jul 1, 1977
Major General	Sep 15, 1979
Lieutenant General	Jul 1, 1981
General	Aug 1, 1984

(Date of rank August 1, 1984)

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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

DISTINGUISHED KANSAN AWARD CEREMONIES

FRIENDS,

IT'S A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO BE HERE WITH
YOU TONIGHT -- TO SHARE IN THIS EVENING OF
DISTINCTION FOR TWO OF OUR FINEST KANSANS --
MARIANNA BEACH AND GENERAL LARRY D. WELCH.

I'VE KNOW MARIANNA FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.
AND IF THERE IS ONE WORD I WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE
HER, IT IS "GIVER."

MARIANNA HAS GIVEN OF HERSELF TO SO MANY
WORTHWHILE CAUSES, BUT NONE MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THOSE DEALING WITH CHILDREN.

WHETHER IT WAS AS THE A MEMBER OF THE
NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE OR THE
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION, OR

AS AN OFFICER OF THE SUNFLOWER GIRL SCOUT
COUNCIL, MARIANNA HAS RECOGNIZED THE TREASURE
WE HAVE IN OUR CHILDREN, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY
WE HAVE TO THEM -- NOT ONLY AS MOTHERS AND
FATHERS -- BUT AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND
CITIZENS OF THE WORLD.

MARIANNA HAS RECEIVED MANY AWARDS -- FROM
THE D.A.R., THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS ORGANIZATION
AND SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL. BUT I HAVE NO

DOUBT, THAT THIS VALIANT LADY FROM HAYS, WILL
RANK HER DISTINGUISHED KANSAN AWARD AT THE TOP.
AND WELL SHE SHOULD, BECAUSE IT INDICATES JUST
HOW PROUD WE ALL ARE TO HAVE HER A NATIVE OF
OUR STATE -- KANSAS.

WE ARE EQUALLY PROUD OF LARRY WELCH.
LARRY HAS COME A LONG WAY

-- FROM HIS FORMATIVE YEARS IN DODGE CITY AND
MULLINVILLE AND GREENSBURG TO THE NATION'S
CAPITAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

-- FROM BEING AN OUTSTANDING
STUDENT-ATHLETE AT LIBERAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BEING
A MEMBER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

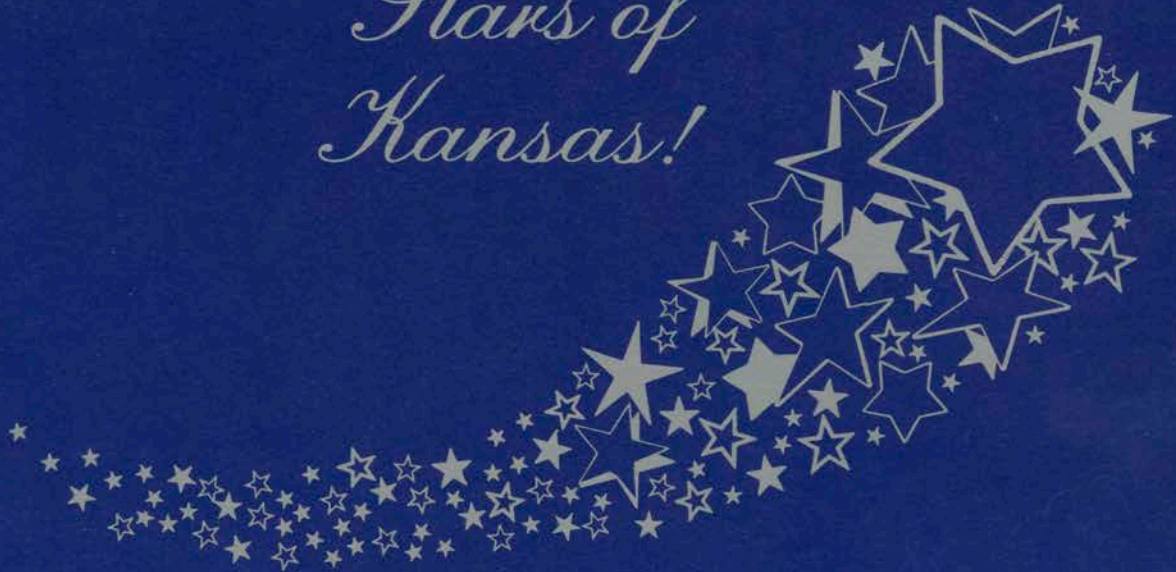
FROM BEING A PRIVATE IN THE KANSAS NATIONAL
GUARD TO BEING A FOUR-STAR GENERAL AND CHIEF OF
STAFF OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE -- RESPONSIBLE FOR

THE ORGANIZATION, TRAINING AND EQUIPPING OF A
COMBINED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN FORCE OF ONE
MILLION PEOPLE.

BUT I KNOW THAT DESPITE THE DISTANCES
TRAVELED, THE NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND THE
AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES, GENERAL WELCH REMAINS
VERY CLOSE TO HIS KANSAS ROOTS.

AND I SUSPECT THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAS RECEIVED
MANY AWARDS IN HIS CAREER -- MOST RECENTLY THE
DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL -- THAT JUST
LIKE MARIANNA, LARRY WILL TAKE SPECIAL PRIDE IN
TONIGHT'S AWARD.

*Celebrating the
Stars of
Kansas!*



Kansas Day Club Gala

January 28, 1989 - Topeka, Kansas



*Co-Chairmen
Gary Schmidt & Zelma Sully*



**JEANE KIRKPATRICK
 FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mike Hayden, Jack Walker, Bob Stephan, Bill Graves and Fletcher Bell for the podium flowers.

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**PROGRAM
 Kansas Day Club**

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- Introduction of Distinguished Guests Charles McAtee
Secretary, Kansas Day Club
- Invocation Eric Rucker
Chairman, Shawnee County Commission
- Dinner Music by Polly Bales
- Pledge of Allegiance Rochelle Chronister
State Representative
- America The Beautiful Loren and Marilyn Dyke
- Formal Welcome Zelma Sully
Co-Chairman, Kansas Day Club
- Salute to Kansas Fred J. Logan, Jr.
Chairman, Kansas Republican Party
- Introduction of State and National Elected Officers Gary Schmidt
Co-Chairman, Kansas Day Club
 - Lt. Governor Jack Walker
 - Secretary of State Bill Graves
 - Attorney General Bob Stephan
 - Commissioner of Insurance Fletcher Bell
 - First District Congressman Pat Roberts
 - Third District Congresswoman Jan Meyers
 - Fifth District Congressman Bob Whittaker
- Greetings and Remarks Mike Hayden
Governor of Kansas
- Greetings and Remarks Nancy Landon Kassebaum
U.S. Senator
- Greetings and Remarks Bob Dole
U.S. Senator
- Keynote Address Jeane Kirkpatrick
Former Ambassador to the United Nations
- Benediction Loren and Marilyn Dyke
God Bless America

how I thought
about the program
Eliz
Went to table

Past Presidents and Co-Chairmen of Kansas Day Club

PRESIDENT

1892 Harry W. Frost, Topeka
1893 Ewing Herbert, Hiawatha
1894 Phill P. Campbell, Pittsburg
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1896 J. E. Junkin, Sterling
1897 W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson
1898 Arthur Capper, Topeka
1899 Charles F. Scott, Iola
1900 H. F. Mason, Garden City
1901 Charles S. Finch, Lawrence
1902 Wm. Allen White, Emporia
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1904 Del A. Valentine, Clay Center
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1907 S. H. Brandon, Douglass

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1910 Thomas E. Wagstaff, Independence
1911 R. H. Faxson, Garden City
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1913 Charles L. Kagey, Beloit
1914 Fred W. Parrot, Clay Center
1915 Walter L. Payne, Burlingame
1916 Dr. J. W. Graybill, Newton
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1923 Charles Townsley, Great Bend
1924 Don E. Wells, Erie
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1927 Joseph F. Finch, Beloit
1928 Frank Haucke, Council Grove
1929 H. W. Shiceler, Girard
1930 George Siefkin, Wichita
1931 Walter Niebarger, Tonganoix
1932 Walter A. Rugan, St. John
1933 James M. Scott, Lebanon
1934 Max C. Bucklin, Pratt
1935 Frank Todd, Atchison
1936 Willford Riegle, Emporia
1937 F. W. Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg
1938 Frank McFarland, Topeka
1939 Gale Moss, El Dorado
1940 D. G. Hansen, Logan
1941 Dale Fisher, Kansas City
1942 Jess Denious, Dodge City
1943 Richard Robbins, Pratt
1944 Ed Morgenstern, Salina
1945 No Meeting
1946 Frank Meek, Clay Center
1947 Sam Wallingford, Wichita
1948 Clarence Beck, Emporia
1949 Dolph Simons, Lawrence
1950 Ewing Herbert, Jr., Hiawatha
1951 Kirke W. Dale, Arkansas City
1952 McDill Boyd, Phillipsburg
1953 A. V. Wheat, Kansas City
1954 Guy Josserand, Dodge City
1955 Howard Harper, Junction City
1956 Walter McVey, Independence
1957 Lew Galloway, Wakeeney
1958 Richard D. Rogers, Manhattan
1959 James B. Pearson, Mission
1960 Glee S. Smith, Larned
1961 Garner Shriver, Wichita
1962 John Wall, Sedan
1963 August W. Lauterbach, Colby
Donald P. Schnacke, Topeka
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1967 William R. Hagman, Pittsburg
1968 J. Rex Duwe, Lucas
1969 Jack Greenwood, Topeka
1970 John W. Brand, Jr., Lawrence
1971 Bob Gadberry, Wichita
1972 Ron Hastings, Independence
1973 Keith Sebelius, Norton
1974 Cloud L. Cray, Jr., Atchison
1975 Walt McGinnis, Mission Hills
1976 Elmer S. Peters, Wichita
1977 George Clasen, Garnett
1978 Mrs. Phyllis Macey, Topeka
1979 John Lyons, Manhattan
1980 Rick Harmon, Shawnee Mission
1981 Paul Thomas, Wichita
1982 Damon Weber, Caldwell
1983 Jerry Moran, Hays
1984 Ren Shultz, Lawrence
1985 Stephan Bradford, Fairway
1986 William Mitchell, Hutchinson
1987 Dana Cox, Sedgwick

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Mrs. Lahoma Dennis Yates, Fort Scott
Mrs. J. Frank McNaught, Girard
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Mrs. Irene Cogswell, Topeka
Mrs. Norman Williams, Shawnee Mission
Mrs. Fred Curtiss, Burlingame
Mrs. Ross Beach, Jr., Hays
Mrs. Richard D. Rogers, Manhattan
Mrs. Reynolds Shultz, Lawrence
Mrs. John Hayes, Hutchinson
Mrs. Tom R. Van Sickle, Ft. Scott
Mrs. Ross O. Doyen, Concordia
Mrs. Gerald L. Mowry, Manhattan
Mrs. Arkie Vaughn, Lawrence
Mrs. Irene Whitlock, McPherson
Mrs. Karyn Criss, Augusta
Mrs. Anne Rupe, Clay Center
Mrs. Lynda Williams, Topeka
Mrs. Bryona Wiley, Lawrence
Mrs. Dona Frank, Wichita
Mrs. Betty Weatherbie, Iola
Roberta Harkness, Dodge City
Phyllis Cooper, Bonner Springs
Mrs. Betty Bagby, Leawood
Jane Welch, Halstead
Mary Alice Lair, Piqua
Polly Parrish, Great Bend
Arvis Meseke, Junction City
Earlene Condfff, Wichita

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

INTRODUCTION OF JEANE KIRKPATRICK

I HAPPEN TO HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNE THESE DAYS
TO BE SURROUNDED BY ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN -- AT
HOME, IN REPRESENTING THIS GREAT STATE IN THE
SENATE, AND EVEN ON MY OWN STAFF, SINCE BOTH MY
CHIEF OF STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ARE
WOMEN.

IN FACT, THE LAST BIG JOB I GAVE TO A MAN WAS
RUNNING MY PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN -- SO THERE MAY
BE A LESSON IN THAT FOR ALL OF US.

BUT ONE THING THIS ASSOCIATION WITH SO MANY
OUTSTANDING WOMEN HAS GIVEN ME IS PLENTY OF
PRACTICE INTRODUCING THEM TO AUDIENCES LIKE THIS
ONE. AND WHEN THE OBJECT OF MY INTRODUCTION IS
SOMEONE LIKE ELIZABETH, OR NANCY, OR AMBASSADOR
JEANE KIRKPATRICK -- THE JOB IS EASY.

NO AMERICAN SPEAKS OUT ON THE GREAT ISSUES
OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WITH MORE FORCE, MORE
HONESTY AND MORE COMMON SENSE THAN JEANE
KIRKPATRICK. THAT HAS BEEN TRUE THROUGHOUT HER
PUBLIC LIFE.

AND WE HAVE HAD NO GREATER OR MORE
EFFECTIVE AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS THAN
JEANE. SHE DID SOMETHING AT THE U.N. THAT WAS
ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED. SHE TOLD THE TRUTH --

NO DIPLOMATIC GOBBLEDYGOOK; JUST THE TRUTH.

AND SHE ACHIEVED GREAT RESULTS. THE U.N. IS FAR,

FAR FROM A PERFECT PLACE TODAY; BUT IT LIGHT YEARS

AHEAD OF WHERE IT WAS BEFORE JEANE CAME IN, AND

SHOOK THE PLACE UP.

AND JEANE KIRKPATRICK KEEPS SHAKING THINGS UP
TODAY, IN WASHINGTON AND IN CAPITALS ALL AROUND
THE WORLD. SHE TEACHES -- WHICH I SUSPECT IS HER
REAL LOVE; SHE HAS A SYNDICATED COLUMN;

SHE TRIES TO PASS ON THE WISDOM OF HER EXPERIENCE
TO ALL OF US WHO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE
DECISIONS ON PUBLIC ISSUES -- FROM PRESIDENTS TO
POLITICIANS.

ANY OF US WHO LISTEN -- AND I AND SO MANY
OTHERS DO -- WE ARE ALL ENRICHED.

A NATIVE OF ILLINOIS, WHO NOW CALLS OKLAHOMA
HER HOME AND WASHINGTON JUST A RESIDENCE --
JEANE KIRKPATRICK IS "ONE OF US." AND I MEAN THAT IN
WAYS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN GEOGRAPHY.

SHE IS ONE OF US BECAUSE SHE BELIEVES IN
MIDWESTERN VALUES; BECAUSE SHE VALUES
STRAIGHT-TALKING AND COMMON SENSE; AND BECAUSE
SHE CARES DEEPLY ABOUT THIS COUNTRY -- AND SEES
NO MORE NOBLE AIM THAN MAKING IT A STRONGER,
BETTER PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN.

IT IS AN UNDERESTIMATION TO CALL JEANE
KIRKPATRICK A GREAT AMERICAN WOMAN. IT IS
ACCURATE TO CALL HER A GREAT AMERICAN.

SO I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE TO YOU A FRIEND, AN
ADVISOR AND A GREAT AMERICAN -- AMBASSADOR JEANE
KIRKPATRICK.