

TRIBUTE TO BUSH COMMITTEE

C/O NATALIE SHEAR, 1629 K STREET, N.W., SUITE 802, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006
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December 31, 1992

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

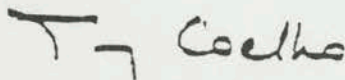
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Sincerely,



Tony Coelho



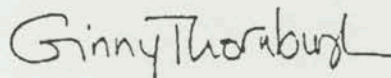
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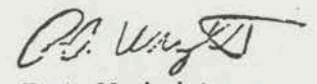
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**SENATOR BOB DOLE
DRAFT REMARKS
EEOC LUNCH HONORING
PRESIDENT BUSH
JANUARY 12, 1993**

**THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE
TO JOIN WITH YOU IN SALUTING
A MAN I AM PROUD TO CALL MY
PRESIDENT AND MY FRIEND.**

**PRESIDENT BUSH AND HIS
ADMINISTRATION WILL BE
REMEMBERED FOR MANY
THINGS: HIS VISION IN MAKING
THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. HIS
COURAGE IN DRAWING THE LINE
IN THE SAND IN THE PERSIAN
GULF. HIS LEADERSHIP IN
CREATING A NEW SPIRIT OF
VOLUNTARISM WHICH HAS**

**SWEPT THE NATION. THE LIST
GOES ON AND ON.**

**BUT I BELIEVE THAT WHEN
THE HISTORY BOOKS ARE
WRITTEN, THEY WILL REFLECT
THE FACT THAT ONE OF
PRESIDENT BUSH'S GREATEST
ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS THE
OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE
CREATED FOR 43 MILLION
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES.**

**MANY OF YOU HERE HAVE
HEARD ME TALK ABOUT THE
STATE MOTTO OF KANSAS--TO
THE STARS THROUGH
DIFFICULTIES."**

**AND NO DOUBT ABOUT IT,
COUNTLESS MEN AND WOMEN
WITH DISABILITIES HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO REACH THEIR STARS
BECAUSE OF THE LEADERSHIP
OF PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH.**

**LIKE MANY HERE IN THE
AUDIENCE, I WILL NEVER
FORGET THE JULY DAY WHEN
PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNED THE
ADA INTO LAW. IT WAS A DAY
THAT SIMPLY NEVER WOULD
HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE
PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP.**

**IT WAS ALSO HIS WHITE
HOUSE THAT GAVE
UNPRECEDENTED ACCESS AND**

**SUPPORT TO AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES. AND IT WAS HIS
PERSONAL INSISTENCE THAT
LED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
MORE PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES TO KEY POSITIONS
THAN IN ANY OTHER
ADMINISTRATION--GOOD
PEOPLE LIKE EVAN KEMP,
JUSTIN DART, SANDY PARRINO,
AND DEBBIE MCFADDEN...TO**

NAME JUST A FEW.

**I KNOW MANY OF THE MEN
AND WOMEN HE APPOINTED ARE
IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. BUT I
WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO A
YOUNG MAN WHO IS ONE OF HIS
NEWEST APPOINTMENTS, AND
WHO IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF
MINE.**

**IN OCTOBER, PRESIDENT
BUSH APPOINTED KEVIN**

**SAUNDERS OF KANSAS TO
SERVE AS THE FIRST PERSON
WITH A DISABILITY ON THE
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF
PHYSICAL FITNESS.**

**PARALYZED FROM THE CHEST
DOWN MORE THAN A DECADE
AGO IN A GRAIN ELEVATOR
EXPLOSION, KEVIN HAS
OVERCOME ADVERSITY TO
BECOME THE BEST ALL AROUND**

**WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE IN THE
WORLD, REPRESENTING
AMERICA IN THE PARA-
OLYMPICS AND IN THE PAN
AMERICAN GAMES.**

**KEVIN WAS IN WASHINGTON
THIS WEEKEND FOR HIS FIRST
MEETING AS A MEMBER OF THE
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL, AND I
INVITED HIM HERE TODAY SO
ALL OF YOU COULD GET A**

**CHANCE TO MEET THIS
INSPIRING YOUNG MAN. KEVIN,
COULD YOU RAISE YOUR HAND.**

**WHEN KEVIN COMPETES IN
COMPETITIONS, THE SYMBOL OF
SUCCESS IS THE GOLD MEDAL.**

**AND I THINK IT IS VERY
FITTING THAT, BEGINNING
TODAY, THE SYMBOL OF
SUCCESS FOR THOSE WHO
SEEK TO EMPOWER PEOPLE**

**WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE
CALLED THE GEORGE BUSH
MEDAL.**

THANK YOU.

Tues, Jan 12

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Yvonne
DATE: December 31, 1992

-- EEOC is hosting a private luncheon (approx. 100 people) to thank President Bush for his work on behalf of Americans with disabilities on Tues, Jan 12 (Senate in recess), from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at the Capitol Hilton (16th & K). President Bush will be attending the luncheon briefly (arriving at 2:00 p.m.). Also attending will be various leaders of the disability community. Justin Dart called to ask if you would speak at the luncheon just prior to President Bush arriving. They also plan to ask Tony Coelho or another Democrat who was a major player with ADA. You would speak at approx. 1:30 p.m. followed by the Democrat and then the arrival of President Bush.

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Yvonne _____ will arrive at 12:45 & will speak at 1:30 p.m.
_____ arrive just prior to speaking at 1:30 p.m.
_____ regret

Natalie Shear 202/833-4456

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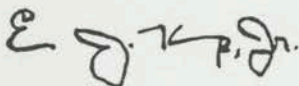
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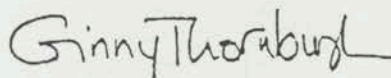
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CHAIRMAN
JUSTIN DART

January 4, 1993

To: Evonne Hopkins, Maureen
West

From: Justin Dart

We do hope that Senator
Dole will be able to attend
our Tribute to the President
on January 12 - and speak
for about 10 minutes at
1:30 pm Capital Hill. If we
could get an indication of the
probability to say it would help us to

DIGNITY, EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE THROUGH EMPLOYMENT

Inside cover:

We are here to pay tribute to President George Bush. During his tenure as Vice President and President he has given unprecedented support to the rights and empowerment of America's more than 43 million citizens with disabilities. He listened to and counseled with disability rights leaders, personally, and through significant staff. He appointed more people with disabilities to key positions in his Administration than any previous President. He cooperated with the disability community and a bipartisan coalition in Congress in the writing, passage and implementation of the world's first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities - the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ADA proclaims to America and to the world that people with disabilities are fully human, that paternalistic, discriminatory, segregationist attitudes are no longer acceptable, and that henceforth people with disabilities must be accorded the same social and economic opportunities as other people. ADA opens the doors of opportunity for millions of isolated, dependent Americans to become employees, taxpayers and welcome participants in the life of their communities. It prepares the way for the emancipation of more than half a billion of the world's most oppressed people.

To ensure that the work of President Bush is remembered and carried on, we have established the George Bush Medal for the Empowerment of People with Disabilities. A distinguished panel of judges will make a single award, annually or less frequently, to an individual, with or without a disability, or an organization, in U.S.A. or any nation, making historic contributions to the independence and the quality of the lives of people with disabilities. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing cutting edge contributions to the empowerment of all persons with disabilities to control their own lives, and to participate fully and equally in the economic, social and governmental processes of human culture.

While the final physical expression of the award is not yet completed, we are proud to announce the first recipient of the George Bush Medal today: President George Bush.

The founders of the George Bush Medal and interim panel of judges: Mike Auberger, Nancy Bloch, Elizabeth Boggs, Judi Chamberlin, Tony Coelho, Fred Crowley, Justin Dart, Osborne Day, Robert Dole, Henry Enns, Nancy Fulco, Tom Harkin, Jim Gashel, Paul Hearne, Judy Heumann, Kenneth Jernigan, I. King Jordan, Evan Kemp, Paul Marchand, Jeremiah Milbank, Oral Miller, Fred Patterson, John Stott, Ginny Thornburgh, Sylvia Walker, Nancy Ward, Pat Wright and Richard Womack.