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Celebrating the Fifth Anniversary
of the Americans with Disabilities Act
and
Announcing the
American Association of People with Disabilities

July 25, 1995 5:30 - 8:00 pm Atrium of the Old Ebbitt Grill Washington, DC

6:30	Welcome Paul Hearne, President The Dole Foundation		
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6:35	The Honorable Robert Dole Senate Majority Leader		
6:40	The Honorable Tony Coelho Chair, President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities		
6:50	Justin Dart Former Chair, President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities		
6:55	Synopsis of National Council Breakfast John Kemp, Executive Director, United Cerebral Palsy Association		
7:00	Remarks from Invited Speakers		
	Richard Thornburgh Congressman Steney Hoyer Asst. Atty General Deval Patrick	Drew Battavia (Sen. McCain's Office) Congressman Major Owens	
7:35	Paul Hearne President, The Dole Foundation Announcement of the American Association of People with Disabilities Introduction of Board Members		
7:45	and Rehabilitation Services	Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education	



THE DOLE FOUNDATION

FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 20, 1995

TO:

Senator Dole

FROM:

Paul Hearne

SUBJECT:

Remarks for July 25 Event -- Old Ebbitt Grill

Senator, attached are your remarks for the celebration of the 5th Anniversary of ADA and the creation of the new organization "American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)." This event will be held July 25, 1995, at the Old Ebbitt Grill, 15th & G Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Your remarks are scheduled at approximately 6:35 p.m. A draft copy of the program is also included in the packet. Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Attachments

- Senator Dole's Remarks
- Draft Program

SENATOR DOLE REMARKS ADA CELEBRATION AND INAUGURATION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT! JULY 26, 1990, IS A LANDMARK DATE FOR ALL CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES. IT IS ALSO A LANDMARK FOR ALL AMERICANS SINCE IT IS THE DATE WHEN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BECAME FULL PARTNERS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY.

I ALSO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU HERE TONIGHT ON THE INAUGURATION AND BOARD ELECTION OF THE NEW "AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (AAPD)." THIS NON-PARTISAN MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION HAS A POTENTIAL MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 49 MILLION PEOPLE. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE OTHERS AFFECTED BY MANY ASPECTS OF DISABILITY IN THEIR LIVES. IN MY THIS ORGANIZATION VIEW. REPRESENTS THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP TO ACTUALLY REMOVE THE BARRIERS THAT THE ADA INTENDS TO ELIMINATE.

KNOW THAT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THIS HAVE BEEN THESE BEFORE; BUT DIFFERENT TIMES. THE ADA PAVED NEW THE WAY FOR RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BUSINESS AND DISABILITY ISSUES. MORE THAN BEFORE, LOCAL COMMUNITIES OF THEIR AWARE ARE RESPONSIBILITIES TO REMOVE **PERSONS** WITH BARRIERS THAT DISABILITIES CONFRONT SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

TECHNOLOGY HAS BROUGHT VAST NEW WORLDS INTO OUR HOMES AND WILL BE A CHANGING FORCE IN COMMUNICATIONS FOR ALL OF US.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS WILL
REVOLUTIONIZE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE
ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES. I HOPE THAT THIS NEW
ORGANIZATION WILL UTILIZE THIS
MEDIUM BOTH TO RECRUIT AND TO
PROVIDE SERVICES TO ITS
MEMBERSHIP.

FINALLY, FOR THE ADA TO WORK THE EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MUST BECOME MORE THE RULE RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION. THOSE NOT WORKING OR OUT OF THE WORKFORCE MUST BECOME TAX PAYERS IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE

THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. THE "AAPD" MUST ADOPT PRACTICES DESIGNED TO COUNTERACT THE DISTURBING EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AND FULFILL THE DREAM OF THE ADA.

BANDING TOGETHER AND USING MEMBERSHIP DUES AND PRIVATE SUPPORT TO SOLVE THESE QUESTIONS IS THE RIGHT APPROACH. IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, I WILL LOOK CLOSELY AT THE GROWTH AND POTENTIAL OF THIS ORGANIZATION WITH A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST.

MANY TIMES I'VE PONDERED THE QUESTION OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO ME, HAD THE PEOPLE OF RUSSELL, KANSAS NOT COME TO MY AID MANY YEARS AGO. THOSE GOOD PEOPLE RAISED MONEY TO HELP ME, SO I COULD HELP MYSELF. AT THAT TIME, NEITHER THE PEOPLE OF RUSSELL NOR I HAD ANY IDEA HOW FAR THEIR HELP WOULD ALLOW ME TO GO.

IN THE SAME WAY, AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THIS ORGANIZATION TONIGHT, ON THE EVE OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA, I THINK WE DO NOT KNOW THE POTENTIAL OF HOW FAR THIS ORGANIZATION WILL PROPEL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO GO.