

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.