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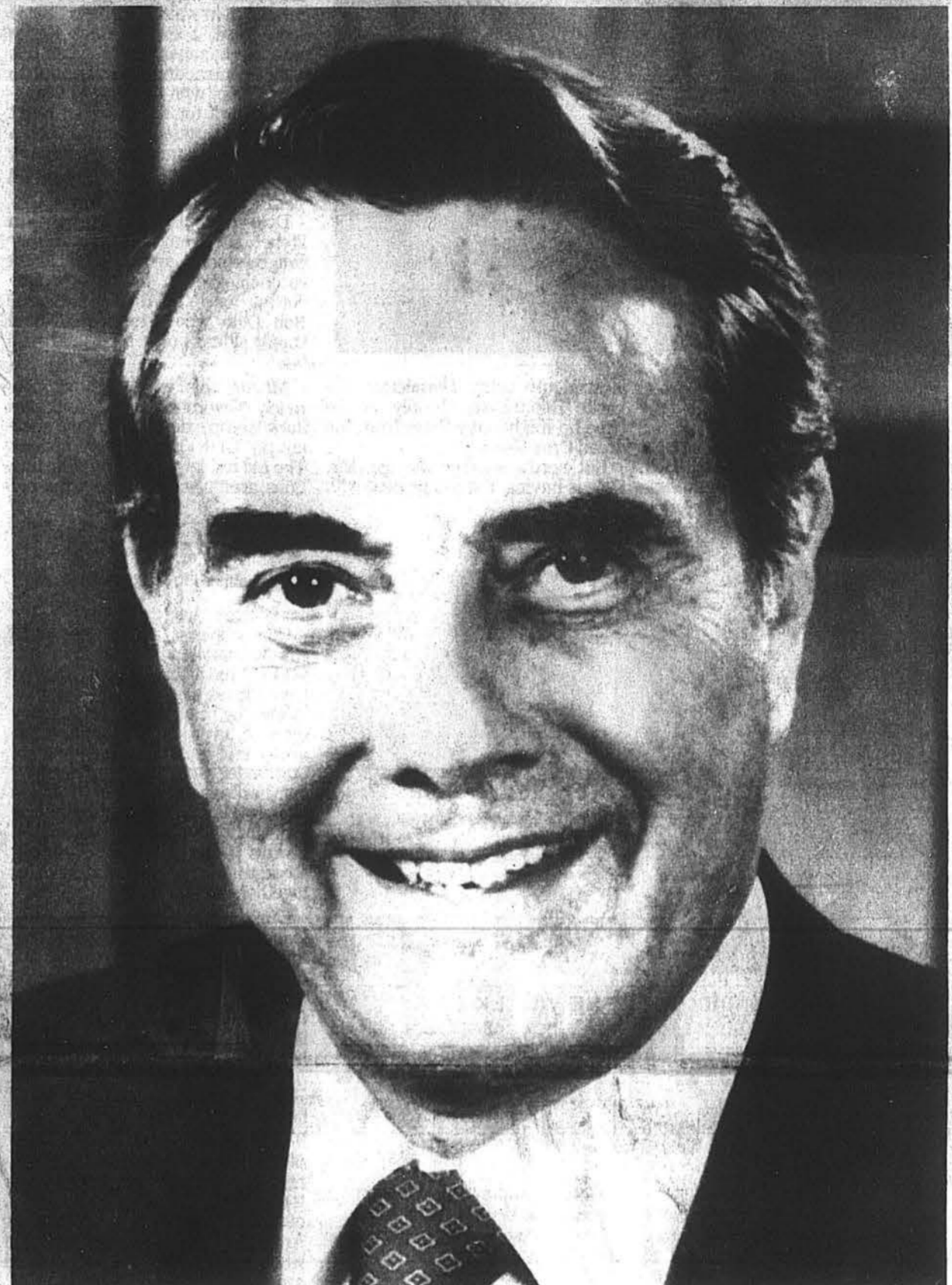
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**ELIZABETH DOLE**  
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## Elizabeth Dole Talented Woman Bob Dole Receives USO Service Award

As president of the American Red Cross, Elizabeth Dole continues a remarkable public service career in which she has served six United States presidents and been named by the Gallup Poll as one of the world's 10 most admired women.

A native of Salisbury, N.C., Mrs. Dole graduated with distinction from Duke University. She received her Law degree from Harvard Law School and also holds a Master's in Education and Government from Harvard.

Mrs. Dole was Deputy Director of the White House Office of Consumer Affairs under both Presidents Nixon and Johnson. It was there that she began a career-long dedication to public safety, for which she received the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service Award in 1989.

Mrs. Dole's resume includes five years as a member of the Federal Trade Commission. She served two years as Assistant to President Reagan for Public Liaison.

In February 1983, Mrs. Dole

joined President Reagan's Cabinet as Secretary of Transportation — the first woman to hold that position.

During her four and a half years at Transportation, the United States enjoyed the safest years in its history in all three major transportation areas—rail, air, and highway. Some of Mrs. Dole's many safety initiatives included a new regulation which required air bags or automatic safety belts in all new cars and spawned safety belt laws

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**Editor's Note:** The following is the presidential announcement speech given by Senator Bob Dole Monday, April 10, 1995, in the Kansas ExpoCentre at Topeka.

TOPEKA — Thank you, Governor Graves, Senator Kassebaum. Good morning friends — Elizabeth,

Robin, and I thank you for that tremendous welcome. It's great to be in Kansas. Of course, I'm not the first Kansan to say, "there's no place like home." But for me, the words have special meaning. Wherever I have traveled in this life, I have never forgotten where I came from — or where I go home to.

Whatever lessons I have applied in public life were first learned here, in the capital behind us. These days I spend much of my time in another capitol. You see many things from atop the hill in Washington where I work — but you can see America from here.

Common sense and uncommon sensitivity: That's the Kansas way. It's what made Dwight Eisenhower a great general and a great president. And it's what prompted Alf Landon with his unique wisdom to say, "there are some intelligent people in Washington, but there are more of 'em in Kansas." I hasten to add the same applies to 49 other states.

But then, Kansans have never had to look to Washington, D.C., for a sense of compassion or community. As a young man in a small town my parents taught me to put my trust in God, not government, and never confuse the two. Something else I learned, learned the hard way — that while self reliance is an essential part of the American character, so is the spirit of community that reaches out to those wounded in body or soul.

When I went off to war it was to defend a community of values unique in all the world. I came back sustained by the love and generosity of friends and neighbors who renewed my sense of life's possibilities. Over the years they have given me opportunities for service which I can never hope to

repay.

Because they restored my spirit in a time of trial I have dedicated myself to restoring the spirit of America. And so today, tempered by adversity, seasoned by experience, mindful of the world as it is — yet confident it can be made better — I have come home to Kansas with a grateful heart to declare that I am a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

The view many Americans see this morning is a sobering one. We are troubled about the direction our country is taking. Our values are under constant assault from our public and cultural institutions. We feel threatened by the random incidents of violent crime. Too many of our schools, which were once passports to opportunity, have become demoralizing places. Welfare has become a misery subsidy fostering illegitimacy and generations of dependency. And yet the deficit keeps growing, taxes keep increasing, and the government keeps demanding more and more authority over our lives.

None of this should come as a surprise. For much of this century power and wealth alike have flowed from grass-roots Americans to a federal government which exploded to meet the twin crises of economic depression and global war. Yet, the lifejacket of one generation can become the straight-jacket of the next. In giving to Washington our responsibility to address problems close to their source, Americans have unwittingly encouraged the federal government to become too large, too remote, too unresponsive, and too undemocratic to be representative.

However, another America is waiting — an America strong again in heart and sure of mind. I

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**POTENTIAL FIRST FAMILY** — Senator Bob Dole, his wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Robin, join in the applause of the large crowd at the Kansas ExpoCentre at Topeka where Dole made his official announcement on Monday, April 10, as a candidate for the Republican nomination for president. Bob Dole is considered to be the Republican front-runner for the candidacy. (Staff Photo)