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Washington, D. C. -- Congressman Bob Dole, 1st District of Kansas, was one of a group of distinguished National legislators honored last night at a formal reception in the Nation's Capital. The occasion was the biennial presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards of Americans for Constitutional Action, whose Board of Trustees was the host.

Americans for Constitutional Action (ACA) is a non-partisan, non-profit, nationwide organization, dedicated to the preservation of the spirit and principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States as these were enunciated and promulgated by the Founders of our Republic.

ACA's Distinguished Service Awards are conferred every two years upon those Senators and Representatives whose officially recorded votes on crucial measures in the Congress of the United States indicate their devotion to the spirit and principles of the Constitution.

In announcing those who are being honored, Admiral Ben Moreell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated: "ACA's Board of Trustees is truly representative of all parts of the Nation and of all segments of our social structure. They are drawn from the professions, the Church, education, industry, the arts, labor and practitioners of political science. Similarly, those who support ACA's work constitute a representative cross-section of the American public."

In presenting the award to Congressman Dole, Admiral Moreell stated: "It gives me great pleasure to confer this honor upon you. Over the years you have shown your

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devotion to those fundamental principles of government which serve to promote individual rights and responsibilities; a sound currency; the free market economy for goods and services; States Rights; private ownership of the means of production and distribution; and National Defense and Sovereignty; as opposed to the concentration of powers in a centralized, socialized State; abdication of control of our destiny to international organizations; and appeasement of international Communism.

"The acceptance of this award," continued Admiral Moreell, "does not imply that you are in complete agreement with all of the measures advocated by ACA nor does it imply any commitment to support those measures in the future. ACA will never impugn the motives or question the probity of those who do not agree with our views. Our purpose tonight is solely to honor you for your dedication to the preservation of the Constitution of the United States. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I present to you this Distinguished Service Award of Americans for Constitutional Action."

Dole is serving in his 3rd term as a member of the United States Congress and serves on the important Agriculture Committee.