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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. Nov. 28---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) tonight praised North Carolina and the city of Winston-Salem for efforts in rehabilitating and finding employment for handicapped citizens.

Dole, a disabled war veteran, spoke before the Mayor's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped here.

"The combined efforts of the city and state agencies put 600 handicapped persons to work in Winston-Salem alone last year," Dole said.

"You have successfully campaigned to remove all architectural barriers from your municipal buildings so they are accessible to the handicapped.

"Your state has a growing number of halfway houses where the handicapped learn to cope with what -- to us -- is normal, everyday living. North Carolina also has numerous sheltered workshops for training the handicapped.

"Though your programs have been outstandingly successful, your responsibilities loom larger than ever before.

"Here and across the nation, the handicapped and their families face serious economic problems. Health care personnel and facilities are often not immediately available to them.

"About 25 percent of America's disabled have not received rehabilitation services and do not know where to seek such help. Less than one third of the nation's children who need special education are receiving it.

"We must make certain that our efforts and money are not misplaced or misdirected -- that they really do the job. We must make certain that all the knowledge information and other help which we have is consolidated and is available for use by the handicapped and by those who work with the handicapped.

"We have come a long way in helping the handicapped to achieve full, satisfying lives. We have much further to go."