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SENATOR DOLE HONORARY CHAIRPERSON FOR WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL
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WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) will address the awards banquet of the 32nd Annual National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 5th.

Senator Dole, who will serve as honorary chairperson for the event, said "I am proud to have an opportunity to appear before a gathering of so many fine athletes and people."

The Tournament will attract the top four wheelchair basketball teams from throughout the country, as well as representatives from almost all of the nation's approximately 120 wheelchair teams, as well as delegates and interested handicapped persons.

Week-long activities will take place during what has been designated as "Ability Awareness Week," including a conference held by the Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons With Disabilities.

In his address Senator Dole is expected to discuss his involvement with measures to allow the removal of architectural barriers, as well as his support in the Senate for legislation amending the Social Security Act with respect to presumptive disability, earned income in sheltered workshops, benefits for individuals who work despite severe medical impairments, as well as his amendments to the Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination against individuals because of their handicap, and prohibition of housing discrimination due to disability.

Senator Dole, who was himself an outstanding athlete in high school and college prior to his tour of duty in World War II, said, "These athletes are an inspiration. I hope many people take note of their accomplishments."