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SENATE APPROVES NAME CHANGE OF TOPEKA FEDERAL BUILDING TO HONOR FRANK CARLSON

WASHINGTON -- The Senate today passed legislation by Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) designating the Federal Building located at 444 Southeast Quincy in Topeka, Kan., as the Frank Carlson Federal Building. Dole was joined by cosponsor Senator Nancy Kassebaum.

Dole paid tribute to the former Kansas senator in a statement on the Senate floor.

"There are many who will agree with me that there have been few members of Congress who have exceeded my friend and colleague Frank Carlson's dedication in serving the people of this nation," he said.

"Senator Frank Carlson has a solid record of accomplishment and achievement. Patiently, quietly, but sure of step and sure of himself, he has both represented the interests of Kansas and the nation and established a definite place for himself among American statesmen.

"His career of service extended beyond elected office. He served as chairman of both the Interstate Oil Compact Commission and vice-chairman of the President's National Safety Conference. He also found time to become a leader and active participant in the Senate prayer breakfast meetings.

"Whether an issue concerned the farmer, the businessman, the blue-collar worker, or the consumer, Frank Carlson was there to provide his service as well as his friendship. An individual highly concerned with people from all walks of life, he was always willing to devote his time on any level, to anyone.

"In view of Frank Carlson's dedicated career of service to the people of his community, the state of Kansas and the nation, it is only appropriate that this body name the Federal Building in Topeka, Kan., in honor of Frank Carlson, a truly great American from the state of Kansas."

Senator Frank Carlson was born on a Concordia, Kan., farm on Jan. 23, 1893. He attended the public schools, Concordia Normal and Business College and Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kan.

Senator Carlson's life and political career has been a long, unique and distinguished one. After serving in the Army during World War I, he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 1929. From 1932 to 1934 he was state chairman of the Republican Party, and in 1935 he was elected to the U.S. Congress. Carlson served five successive terms in Washington as representative from Kansas, but in 1946 he was not a candidate for re-election. Instead, he was elected governor of Kansas in that year.

He served as governor until his election to the U.S. Senate in 1950 to fill the unexpired term of Senator Clyde M. Reed. He was subsequently elected to the Senate for a full term in 1951 and continued to be re-elected until his decision not to be a candidate in 1968.