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DOLE FAVORS FEDERAL CHARTER FOR THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

WASHINGTON -- Today the Senate Judiciary Committee is holding hearings on legislation to provide a federal charter for the Italian-American War Veterans (IAWV) of the United States," said Committee member Bob Dole (R.-Kansas).

Charitable Activities

"The Italian-American War Veterans is a non-profit service organization now incorporated in ten states and active in several other states. IAWV was founded in 1932 and for the last 48 years, the organization has been involved in various charitable -- and community -- service activities. In assisting this nation's hospitalized veterans, the IAWV is presently involved with more than 20 veterans hospitals. The group has consistently made donations to the needy and the handicapped. Last year alone, the IAWV donated approximately 7,500 hours of service in its hospital volunteer program. While IAWV draws most of its membership from individuals with an Italian-American heritage, it is open to any veteran regardless of race, religion, or national origin," said Dole.

Federal Charter

"Since 1965 the IAWV has sought a federal charter. The organization meets all of the requirements established by Congress pertaining to federal charters. Federal recognition of the group's many years of voluntary service would grant new impetus to their activities and membership, which increasingly, are of national scope," Dole said.

Fiftieth Anniversary

"As a co-sponsor of this important piece of legislation, the Senator from Kansas believes that as the IAWV approaches its fiftieth anniversary this is a particularly opportune moment for Congress to recognize the outstanding civic, educational, and charitable contributions of the IAWV by granting its longstanding request for a national charter," Dole concluded.