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## DOLE SALUTES MEXICO ON "CINCO DE MAYO"

WASHINGTON - Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.) today honored the country of Mexico on its national holiday, "Cinco de Mayo". In an official Senate statement for the Congressional Record, Dole called on his fellow Americans to join him in "congratulating Mexico and its people on this historic anniversary, and in encouraging cooperation bewteen our two countries in every field of endeavor as we face the future together."

Following is the complete text of Senator Dole's statement:

For our friends and neighbors in Mexico, today marks proud national holiday -- Cinco de Mayo -- which we join them in celebrating once again this year.

We are fortunate to have an occasion such as this one to recall the brave and noble history of our southern neighbors. We are also fortunate to have an occasion to commemorate our close relationship with Mexico, with whom we share so many interests and such deep friendship and admiration.

It is especially at turbulent moments like the present that we value anew our partnership with the people of Mexico and that we look toward building an ever closer and more fruitful tie with them, in order to strengthen mutual confidence and insure enduring peace and friendship throughout our continent and our hemisphere.

I call on all Americans to join me in congratulating Mexico and its people on this historic anniversary, and in encouraging cooperation between our two countries in every field of endeavor as we face the future together.