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DOLE COSPONSORS RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE
MARINES WHO DIED IN LEBANON

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today joined with Senator Jeremiah Denton (R-AL) and a bipartisan group of cosponsors in introducing a Senate Joint Resolution commemorating 241 Marines who lost their lives in Beirut, Lebanon in October.

"These men gave their most priceless possession, life, in seeking to defend our country," said Dole. "It is fitting that we remember them."

The resolution requests the President to proclaim October 23, 1984, the anniversary of the Beirut tragedy, as a "time of remembrance." The date would allow Americans to "reflect on the sacrifices that have been made in the pursuit of peace and freedom..." The resolution also asks that United States flags all over the world be flown at half staff.

Dole gave much of the credit for the resolution to the group known as "No Greater Love." Dole, a member of the group's National Advisory Council, said the program was established to provide friendship and care for the children of servicemen killed or missing in action. The organization also created and coordinated the "Free the Hostages" yellow ribbon campaign during the Iran hostage crisis.