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DOLE, KASSEBAUM CARRY "TORCH" FOR WAKEENEY

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum today urged the federal government to consider a request from the City of Wakeeney to be the final resting place for the Statue of Liberty's original torch.

Following is the text of the Senators' letter to Interior Secretary William Clark:

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 4, 1984

The Honorable William P. Clark
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Secretary Clark:

We are taking this opportunity to contact you again on behalf of the City of Wakeeney, Kansas, and the Trego County Economic Development Commission. Community leaders are anxious to secure for permanent display the original torch which has been removed from the Statue of Liberty.

The latest report we received from the National Park Service indicates that the torch is slated to appear in the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day, 1985, and that, at this time, no other firm commitment has been made for the structure.

Wakeeney is located adjacent to two interchanges on Interstate 70, a major east-west thoroughfare, and is prepared to bring together Federal, State, and local resources to arrange for a fitting display. The torch would serve as a beacon for many miles across the broad Kansas horizon, representing an important portion of our nation's history in America's heartland.

There has been a strong surge of support for this proposal from private citizens and from colleagues in towns and cities throughout Kansas since Wakeeney leaders originally contacted us. We are pleased to support their efforts to "Bring the Torch to Kansas" and encourage you to give the proposal full consideration.

Sincerely yours,

NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM
United States Senate

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