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KANSAS SENATORS OFFER RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMMISSION ON CENTENNIAL OF IKE'S BIRTHDAY

Washington, DC -- Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum have introduced a Senate Resolution to establish a special commission to honor the 100th anniversary of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's birth in 1990.

"Kansans are very proud to claim Eisenhower as their own," said Sen. Dole in introducing the resolution. "As one of our great war heroes and most popular presidents, Dwight David Eisenhower has left his indelible mark on the history of this country. This outstanding leader in war and peace time has contributed the best of himself to our nation's destiny, paving the way for future generations and setting a shining example of a life filled with accomplishments. It is fitting that we should establish a centennial commission in his honor," said Dole.

The commission, according to Sen. Dole, would plan and coordinate activities to celebrate the late President's birth on October 14, 1990. Among the proposed activities to be held in honor of Eisenhower would be special exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution and National Archives building in Washington, as well as the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp.

In his speech on the Senate floor urging approval of the commission, Sen. Dole said, "Kansas has been fortunate to have had a solid tradition of producing many great national leaders, including Gov. Alf Landon and former Majority Leader Charles Curtis. Certainly, President Dwight Eisenhower has been a personal inspiration to this Senator. Since I became Majority Leader, his portrait has had a special place in my office in the Capitol."

Although born in Denison, Texas, Eisenhower grew up in Abilene. In a tribute to the 34th President, Sen. Dole traced Eisenhower's career from West Point to the White House. "He understood, as only a man of his background could, the necessary relationship of civil and military authority," said Dole.

Members of the commission would include the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Archivist of the United States, and six members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives. Commission members would serve without pay.

Rep. Pat Roberts of Kansas yesterday introduced a similar resolution in the House of Representatives.