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## DOLE CONGRATULATES KU AND K-STATE BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

Washington, D.C. -- After bowing out of the presidential race yesterday, Kansas Senator Bob Dole took the opportunity to send his congratulations to Coach Larry Brown of the University of Kansas and Coach Lon Kruger of Kansas State University for their successful basketball seasons.

"As one who knows something about the difficulties one encounters on the road to the political national finals, I have the highest respect for these two outstanding Kansas basketball programs and their coaches. Our state is mighty proud of them," said Senator Dole.

Sen. Dole's telegrams read:

"Dear Coach Kruger: Congratulations on a tremendous season! You have every reason to be proud of your team's success. Thanks to your leadership, the Wildcats have been a first class representative of our state. Every Kansan this weekend took great pride in the all-Kansas Midwestern finals. The resulting publicity about Manhattan, Kansas State University and Lon Kruger was long overdue. Good luck in the future. (Signed) Bob Dole."

"Dear Coach Brown: Never has a trip from Lawrence to Kansas City been more difficult -- or more rewarding! Congratulations on an incredible march to the Final Four. If ever there was a team who deserved the title 'Never Say Die' it is the 1987-88 Jayhawks. You have beaten the odds, the skeptics and more than your share of tough luck on the road to Kansas City. You needed a true team effort to realize the Kemper Arena dream, and you made it happen. Best wishes to you and the Hawks. All of Kansas is proud. (Signed) Bob Dole."

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