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DOLE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF EISENHOWER CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. -- Meeting today for the first time, the Dwight David Eisenhower Centennial Commission named Kansas Senator Bob Dole as its Chairman. The Commission is charged with commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dwight D. Eisenhower, who was born on October 14, 1890.

"We are fast approaching the anniversary of one of the truly great figures in American history and a Kansas giant. Ike will always be remembered for his leadership both in war and in peace. Ike has always been a personal hero of mine and so it is a great honor to be asked to chair the Commission," said Dole.

"At today's meeting, we began laying the groundwork for what will be a splendid celebration on October 14, 1990. In addition to scheduling a joint meeting of the two Houses of Congress to commemorate the centennial, the Commission will be promoting the issuance of a commemorative stamp and encouraging special exhibitions at the Smithsonian and the National Archives."

The Commission is made up of elected officials, several of Ike's associates, and his granddaughter, Susan Eisenhower, who attended today's meeting in the Capitol. The Commission was formed as a result of legislation introduced by Kansas Congressman Pat Roberts in the House and Senator Dole in the Senate.