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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
DEDICATION OF INTERSTATE - 635
IN HONOR OF SENATOR HARRY DARBY

TODAY A CONNECTING PORTION OF A MAJOR INTERSTATE WHICH IS KEY TO THE STATES OF KANSAS AND MISSOURI, I-635, IS BEING DEDICATED IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR HARRY DARBY - THE SENATOR FROM KANSAS WHO WAS APPOINTED IN 1949 TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF SENATOR CLYDE REED. AS THE GOVERNORS OF BOTH STATES GATHER FOR A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SENATOR DARBY'S LIFETIME OF COMMITMENT TO STRONG LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE NATION.

HIGHWAY NETWORK COMPLETED

THIS HIGHWAY TIES MAJOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES IN GREATER KANSAS CITY - LINKING JOHNSON COUNTY AND WYANDOTTE COUNTY IN KANSAS WITH PLATTE AND CLAY COUNTIES IN MISSOURI - AND IS REPRESENTATIVE OF SENATOR DARBY'S EFFORTS TOWARD ENDEAVORS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO BOTH STATES.

IT IS FITTING THAT AN ESSENTIAL THOROUGHFARE BEAR THE NAME OF SENATOR DARBY. AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE KANSAS STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN 1933, HE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EXTENSIVE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF KANSAS AND AGGRESSIVELY DEVELOPED A HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

AS A LEADING BUSINESSMAN AND INDUSTRIALIST, SENATOR DARBY NOT ONLY TRANSFORMED HIS FAMILY STEEL BUSINESS INTO A MAJOR CORPORATION, BUT ALSO BROUGHT HIS TALENTS TO OTHER ENTERPRISES INCLUDING FARMING, BANKING, RAILROADS, INSURANCE, AND RETAIL SALES. HE DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO A PROSPEROUS RURAL ECONOMY THROUGH HIS LIFETIME EFFORTS DEDICATED TO THE "AMERICAN ROYAL," THE ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AND CATTLE SHOW IN THE HEART OF AMERICA WHICH IS TODAY SYNONYMOUS WITH KANSAS CITY.

TRUSTED FRIEND OF IKE

KANSANS ALSO KNOW SENATOR DARBY THROUGH HIS SERVICE AS A REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND FOR HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS DEDICATED TO ESTABLISHING THE EISENHOWER LIBRARY AND MUSEUM IN ABILENE, KANSAS. HIS CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH DWIGHT EISENHOWER IS CALLED TO MIND AGAIN AS WE APPROACH THE CELEBRATION IN ABILENE ON OCTOBER 14TH OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF OUR 34TH PRESIDENT AND VICTORIOUS WORLD WAR II GENERAL.

MR. PRESIDENT, WITH PRIDE I JOIN GOVERNOR HAYDEN OF KANSAS AND GOVERNOR ASHCROFT OF MISSOURI IN CELEBRATING THE FORMAL COMPLETION OF THIS NETWORK BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES AND TO SALUTE A DISTINGUISHED KANSAN AND COLLEAGUE.

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