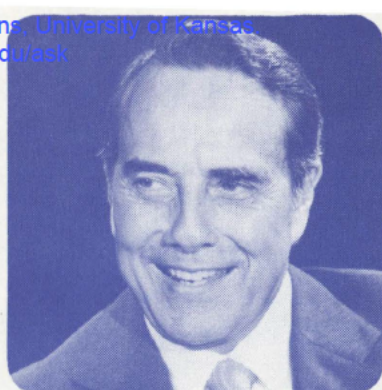


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DOLE APPLAUDS DESIGNATION OF YOUTH SPACE EDUCATION WEEK
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WASHINGTON - The United States Senate recently passed S. Res. 326, a resolution designating October 8 through October 12, as Youth Space Education Week. The following are remarks by Senator Bob Dole printed in the Congressional Record:

The purpose of our resolution designating October 8 through October 12, as Youth Space Education Week, is twofold. First, to acknowledge the great contribution to America's space program that the many school and volunteer organizations have made over the years. These volunteers are a vital force in space education for all young Americans, and their work has been a major force in pursuing our Nation's goals in space.

But in adopting this resolution today, we offer a challenge, Now is the time for educators, industry, and space organizations to pull together, and establish new educational resources for young Americans. Our economic and technological progress depends on ensuring educational opportunities for all young Americans in the fields of space exploration, math, and science. By creating an environment to learn and become involved in space exploration, I believe that our Nation's young men and women will lead America into the 21st century.

In these times of tight budgets and international turmoil, it is important that we plan toward the future. Nowhere is the future more manifest than in the young. They will be the next leaders of our exploration of space. It will be their education, their will to succeed, their reach for the stars, that will be our Nation's step into space.

In 1992, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Columbus discovering America. It is fitting that 1992 also be International Space Year. By establishing Youth Space Education Week now, schools, universities, private industries, and space organizations nationwide will have the opportunity to coordinate their efforts in creating a network of educational and information resources. The goal is to allow all Americans the opportunity to get involved in our space program.

Our Nation's real strength is the ability of Americans to accomplish goals that others said were impossible. The President's space exploration initiative is a goal that all Americans can help accomplish. Through the passage of Youth Space Education Week, we in the Senate support the expansion of science and space educational opportunities for young Americans. With the support of Congress, the Administration, and all Americans, I believe we, as Americans, will accomplish our goal.