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DOLE PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRED BRAMLAGE ON SENATE FLOOR

WASHINGTON - KANSAS SUSTAINED A TERRIBLE LOSS THIS WEEK WITH THE PASSING OF FRED BRAMLAGE, ONE OF MOST UNSELFISH AND DEDICATED PERSONS I HAVE EVER KNOWN.

ALTHOUGH HE WAS A SUCCESS IN BUSINESS, FRED SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME THINKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT NEW WAYS TO HELP THEM -- THAT WAS FRED.

IF THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO NEEDED HELP, HE WAS THERE; IF SOME TOWN NEEDED HIS HELP, HE WAS THERE; AND IF SOMEONE WAS DOWN IN THEIR LUCK, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE WITH A HELPING HAND.

ANYONE WHO EVER HAD THE HONOR AND GOOD FORTUNE OF KNOWING HIM WOULD TELL YOU IN A MINUTE THAT FRED HAD A HEART OF GOLD.

FOR MOST OF HIS 81 YEARS, FRED BRAMLAGE WAS A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT OUR STATE, WHETHER IT WAS JUNCTION CITY, OR KANSAS CITY, OR MANHATTAN, WHERE HE GAVE SO MUCH OF HIS TIME AND ENERGY TO KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. THE FACT THAT K-STATE'S NEW SPORTS ARENA BEARS HIS NAME IS A TESTIMONY TO THE KIND OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT FRED EARNED WITH HIS LIFELONG DEDICATION TO MAKING KANSAS A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL.

AS A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR TWO, FRED ALSO SPENT HIS LIFE REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION OF OUR VETERANS --HE WAS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF FORT RILEY, AND BECAUSE OF HIS CARE AND CONCERNS, FORT RILEY EXPANDED INTO ONE OF THE PREMIER BASES IN AMERICA. IN FACT, THE OUTSTANDING ROLE OF THE BIG RED ONE FIRST DIVISION IN OPERATION DESERT STORM OWES MUCH TO THE VISION OF FRED BRAMLAGE WHO KNEW THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE FINEST MILITARY TRAINING AMERICA COULD AFFORD.

I AM PROUD TO TELL MY SENATE COLLEAGUES THAT FRED BRAMLAGE WAS MY FRIEND -- A GOOD FRIEND WHO WAS ALWAYS THERE WHEN I NEEDED ADVICE, OR COUNSEL. I WILL NEVER FORGET HIS WARMTH, HIS HONESTY AND HIS COMPASSION.

LET ME TELL YOU, FRED BRAMLAGE MADE A DIFFERENCE.

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