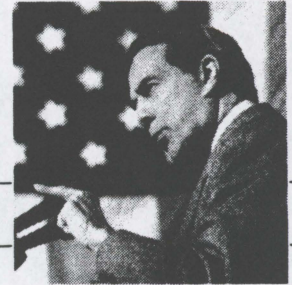


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SENATOR DOLE RECEIVES "PATRIOT AWARD" FROM BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Ks) today received the "Patriot Award" today from the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Dole, the sixth recipient of the award, was chosen by the Boy Scouts to recognize and acknowledge his significant accomplishments as a stalwart example of an outstanding American, his dedicated service to youth and America and his lifelong commitment to the rights of persons with disabilities.

"It's a special privilege to be honored by the Boy Scouts -- an organization which has made such a positive difference in the lives of countless Americans. The values taught by the Boy Scouts -- values like trustworthiness, loyalty, and courtesy are values that are key to a successful life . . .," said Dole upon receiving the award.

The theme for the Boy Scouts this year focuses on youth with disabilities. The Boy Scouts recently introduced a "Handicap Awareness" program in which scouts can earn a merit badge by completing several steps involving assisting people with disabilities.

"I am very proud that the Boy Scouts offer a merit badge in handicap awareness," said Dole, congratulating the Scouts for the new program. "To win that badge, a scout must, among other requirements, spend 15 hours working closely with those with disabilities, and make a commitment to assist persons with disabilities in the future. The Boy Scout merit badge manual puts it best: 'When you see a handicapped scout or explorer, greet him like a brother. Extend a helping hand to him, if he needs it. He probably won't need much help, though, because he's as determined as you are to become self-sufficient.'"

The award is a Boy Scout statuette flanked by the Betsy Ross and American flags.

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