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KANSAS SENATORS ANNOUNCE JUDICIAL NOMINEE FOR KANSAS:
KATHRYN VRATIL, JOHNSON COUNTY

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senators Bob Dole & Nancy Kassebaum announced today that Kathryn H. Vratil, Shawnee Mission, has been nominated by President Bush to a seat on the United States District Court for Kansas.

Vratil, a partner in the litigation department of the Kansas City area law firm of Lathrop & Norquist, has broad federal court experience and is admitted to practice in the state courts of Kansas and Missouri, the United States District Courts, and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. She currently serves as Municipal Judge for the City of Prairie Village.

"Kathy Vratil is an impressive candidate to fill the seat left by Judge Earl O'Connor. As one of his former law clerks and with her solid legal background, she is well prepared to serve on the federal bench," Dole said.

"Kathryn Vratil will be an excellent addition to the federal bench in Kansas," Senator Kassebaum said. "Senator Dole and I will do all we can to see that her nomination receives prompt attention in the Senate."

"We were pleased with the calibre of individuals who expressed an interest in the post," Dole added.

The Kansas Senators recommended four candidates who were interviewed by the Department of Justice in April. In addition to Ms. Vratil, the others were Donald W. Bostwick of Benton, Emily Metzger of Wichita, and Julie Robinson of Leawood.

The nomination will be referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee where hearings are expected to be scheduled in August or September, 1992. Following approval by the committee, she will face confirmation by the full Senate. If confirmed, Vratil will fill the opening left by Judge Earl E. O'Connor, who took senior status in March, 1992.

Vratil holds a B.A. in American Studies from the University of Kansas and the J.D. from the KU School of Law, where she was in the top 10% of her graduating class. She is the mother of Alison, age 15, John, age 12, and Ashley, age 8.

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