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THURGOOD MARSHALL

TEXT OF SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE'S SENATE FLOOR TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

Washington -- Today on the Senate Floor, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole gave the following remarks as a tribute to the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall:

I join with those today who are paying tribute to the life and legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall.

I can't help but think back to last May, when I attended a ceremony in Topeka where the Monroe School was designated a National Historic Landmark. It was the Monroe School--and the efforts of a woman named Linda Brown to enroll her children in that school--which created the case which will forever be known as "Brown v. The Board of Education."

The case was originally filed by two courageous Kansas attorneys named John and Charles Scott. And it was Thurgood Marshall, of course, who successfully argued the case before the Supreme Court, ending the "separate but equal" doctrine in public education.

His victory in this case, his career as legal counsel to the NAACP, as solicitor general, and as a 24-year member of the United States Supreme Court, leave no doubt that Thurgood Marshall was also a National Historic Landmark.

I may not have agreed with every one of Justice Marshall's opinions, but no one can disagree with the fact that the civil rights movement would not be what it is today without his courage and leadership.

I join with the members of this body in extending our sympathies to Justice Marshall's family--most especially to his son, Thurgood, who recently left the staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee to join the Vice President's Office.

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