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DOLE HAILS MINNESOTA VICTORY

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Senator Bob Dole today hailed Tuesday's decisive special election victory of Republican Arlan Stangeland to fill a Congressional vacancy in Minnesota as a significant sign of reviving G.O.P. strength nationally. "There's nothing like a victory to destroy the myth that the Republican party is dead or dying. This grass-roots victory could well set a pattern for future successes."

A farmer and former state legislator, the 47 year old Stangeland will take the 7th District seat that had been held by Democrat Bob Berglund. Berglund resigned last month to become Secretary of Agriculture.

Dole called Stangeland Wednesday morning to offer his congratulations. The 1976 Republican Vice Presidential nominee pointed out that Minnesota's 7th District had been considered "safe" by most Democrats and that prominent Democrats had campaigned actively for Stangeland's Democratic opponent. "This is a shot in the arm for all Republicans," Dole added.