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DOLE PAYS TRIBUTE TO A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today said that "the death of A. Phillip Randolph has deprived America of one of her foremost humanitarian leaders."

"He was a fighter," said Dole, "fighting for the dignity of working people at a time when that dignity was not universally recognized; for the equality of black Americans, at a time when much of American society was permeated with the stain of injustice," Senator Dole said in a prepared statement before the Senate.

"He was a man steeped in the traditions of Gandhi, and, like Gandhi, he organized a peaceful revolution. He believed in achieving economic justice for people, hoping that political and social equality would follow," Dole said.

"It is especially appropriate that we remember Mr. Randolph on this historic anniversary for civil rights, marking 25 years since the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, for he did so much to create and guide that movement in its formative years. It is our task to rededicate ourselves to the principles of economic and social justice for which he fought all his life, and hurry the day when all Americans, black, white or brown, rich and poor, will be equal before their neighbor as they are before their God," Senator Dole concluded.