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DOLE ASKS THAT AMERICANS REMEMBER THOSE WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today called upon Kansans and all Americans to observe Memorial Day "as a day of reflection, a day to honor those who sacrificed so much for us, and a day of thanks that our nation is at peace."

Senator Dole noted that just a few weeks ago he was in Italy, visiting the Po Valley site where he was wounded during World War II.

"As I viewed that battlefield, and the nearby cemetery, where so many of my comrades found their last resting place, I could not help but feel not only a sense of sorrow, but also a feeling of gratitude. These men, and countless men and women before and since, had given their lives so that we might enjoy liberty and freedom. I urge everyone to set aside time to reflect on these sacrifices-- and to recall the ideals for which these men and women fought and died.

"We should also remember that freedom is a fragile commodity in today's world, and be mindful of how truly fortunate we are to live in a land that cherishes the notion that all men should be free.

"On this Memorial Day I join with all Americans in honoring those who have fought and died for our nation, and give special thanks that we are at peace, in what has sadly not been a peaceful world."