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ROBINSON, SMITH NAMED TO WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

WASHINGTON -- Dr. Forrest James Robinson of Winfield, and Mrs. Maedeene Smith of Wichita, were appointed today to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) announced.

Robinson, director of development for Southwestern College, will join 57 others from around the country to serve on the Conference's Advisory Council. Mrs. Smith is currently chairperson of the NRTA-AARP Kansas Joint Legislative Committee, and will attend the Conference as a delegate.

The 1981 White House Conference will be the fourth on aging since the initial one in 1950. The Conference's main goal is to develop a national aging policy by providing the conferees the opportunity to confront both short-term and long-term issues of concern to the nation's elderly.

"I am excited that Dr. Robinson and Mrs. Smith were appointed to this Conference," Dole said. "As the median age of Americans continues to rise, we will have to rethink our approach to social services and methods of serving older citizens. I believe that both individuals' backgrounds in working on the problems of the elderly will well serve the interests of the White House Conference as it works toward a national policy."

The Advisory Council will meet in Washington next week, May 20-22, for the first session. The Conference platform will be laid out Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 1981.