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DOLE MOURNS DEATH OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT

WASHINGTON -- "I join millions of peace-loving Americans today in mourning the death of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat," Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today.

"And, like my fellow countrymen, I deplore the savage means by which his assailants perpetrated this attack. For, above all, Anwar Sadat's message was not the bullet, but the olive branch.

"In 1977, President Sadat journeyed to Israel to extend the hand of peace to Egypt's long-standing foe. His extraordinary vision has transformed the future of relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and my fervent hope is that that reconciliation process will continue now that President Sadat is gone.

"It is beyond the means of any of us to predict what might happen in the Mideast, and it remains to be seen what effect President Sadat's death will have on U.S. security interests. But Anwar Sadat's legacy of courage is one that I hope is emulated by his successors, and we pray for the future of democracy in Egypt."