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DOLE CALLS FOR BIPARTISAN EFFORT FROM CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS
IN "MARCH ON WASHINGTON"

WASHINGTON -- In telegrams to the co-leaders of the "March on Washington," Coretta Scott King and D.C. Delegate Walter Fauntroy, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today called for a commitment to bipartisanship.

Dole, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee who played a major role in the extension of the Voting Rights Act, released the text of the telegrams:

On this day, I join with you and other leaders of the March on Washington in commemoration of the historic 1963 march. Twenty years ago, the agenda was set to eliminate, once and for all, the blight of racial discrimination from our society. Jobs, fair housing, equality of opportunity, and an end to discriminatory practices in the public and private sector: these were the challenges that confronted us then, as they do today.

Let us not forget the fundamental reality that if civil rights legislation is to be successful, the effort must be, as it always has been, bipartisan. On this day of commemoration, I urge you and other civil rights leaders to join with me in renewing our pledge to that spirit of bipartisanship, so that Dr. King's dream will become a reality.