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DOLE, KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE U.S.-JAPAN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum announced today the launching of the 1984 Japan-U.S. Senate Scholarship Program.

The program is funded by the Government of Japan and is being administered by Youth for Understanding, one of the largest teenage student exchange programs in the United States.

All high school principals in Kansas have been asked to submit the name of one junior from their school for the statewide competition. Each Senator will ultimately appoint one finalist to represent Kansas in Japan during the 1984 summer. Although the competition is stiff, the rewards are considerable.

The two young Kansans will have the opportunity to live with a selected, volunteer Japanese family for eight weeks. Prior to leaving the United States in June, the students will gather in Washington, D.C., to meet with Senators Dole and Kassebaum and to participate in an orientation session covering Japanese language and culture.

In a letter mailed to almost 500 principals, Senators Kassebaum and Dole asked for their help in identifying a capable and deserving high school junior from each Kansas high school. Factors the Kansas principals have been asked to consider in selecting the school's candidate include: ability to adapt to new environments; a mature, stable and outgoing personality; and a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4 point scale.

The nomination forms from the principals must be postmarked no later than October 25, 1983. A state selection committee will interview semifinalists in February, 1984. Senators Kassebaum and Dole will announce the two finalists in late March.

Ms. Rhonda Cook of Dighton, presently a senior at Dighton High School, was Senator Dole's delegate in 1983. David Campanini of Iola, a senior at Iola High School, represented Senator Kassebaum in the 1983 program.

For questions or information, contact Youth for Understanding at 3501 Newark Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 or call 1-800-424-3691.