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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

SENATE PASSAGE OF KING HOLIDAY BILL

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-KS), today made the following statement after the Senate passed legislation to designate the birthday of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., as a legal, public holiday:

With today's vote, we have demonstrated that while an assassin's bullet may have killed a man in Memphis, it did not kill his dream. The dream -- of equality of opportunity and racial justice -- lives on, not just for black Americans, but for all Americans, as a matter of national importance and pride.

The overwhelming margin by which this legislation passed demonstrates once again the fundamental reality that civil rights is a non-partisan issue, a cause to which both Republicans and Democrats have contributed much.

The holiday will serve as a day when, inspired by Dr. King's memory, we can celebrate our progress, resolve never to return to our tragic past, and reaffirm our commitment to root out all forms of racial discrimination wherever it may exist.