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## DOLE SALUTES KANSAS CONSERVATION AWARD FINALIST

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today attended a Washington breakfast meeting honoring Bob Paris and his wife Delores of Dighton for being selected as a national finalist in the first annual awards program of the National Endowment for Soil & Water Conservation.

As one of only ten finalists, Paris earned special recognition for achieving consistently high wheat yields through conservation tillage while emphasizing good water conservation practices. The breakfast was followed by a special awards ceremony in the historic Indian Treaty Room of the Old Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House. Agriculture Secretary John Block presented certificates to the finalists and afterwards hosted a luncheon in their honor at the Department of Agriculture.

"Kansans can be proud to have been represented by Bob and Delores Paris on this important day of recognition," Dole stated. "Sound soil and water conservation practices are increasingly becoming a matter of necessity rather than choice for many farmers, particularly in dryland areas such as western Kansas."

The Paris's farm over 2,700 acres in the Dighton area, and have more than doubled their wheat yield to over 40 bushels per acre in the last 27 years by conserving moisture through minimum tillage and the effective use of herbicides.