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DOLE HONORS RECIPIENTS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AWARDS

(Washington, DC) -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) recently honored more than two dozen minority businesses from across the country who have received awards from the U.S. Commerce Department and Small Business Administration for outstanding achievement.

Dole, Senate majority leader, hosted a special reception as a part of the third annual observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week. In announcing the reception, he saluted the growing minority-owned businesses for contributing to the country's urban areas and providing jobs to thousands of Americans.

Sen. Dole said, "Freed from the shackles of discrimination in the marketplace, minority businessmen and women have become vigorous competitors in the economic arena. The number of minority-owned businesses has increased steadily over the past several years, becoming an important source of goods, services, and jobs in our economy and, in many cases, contributing significantly to the revitalization of our urban areas.

"The entire Senate joins me in paying tribute to the talented hardworking individuals being honored. Their accomplishments prove, once again, that minority Americans have much to contribute if only given the chance to compete. Their success stories demonstrate just how far we have come in opening the doors of economic opportunity to Americans of all races, colors, and nationalities, and how important it is that we continue moving forward until all ugly remnants of discrimination are gone."

Honored at the reception, held in the majority leader's Capitol office and co-sponsored by the Washington law firm Brown & Finn and the Ford Motor Co., were the following businesses and individuals:

Mayor Charles Devaney, Augusta, GA; Hugh Brown, BAMSI,

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Inc., Titusville, FL; Harold Bushey, Veterans Administration, Pittsburgh, PA; Creative Associates, Inc., Washington, DC; John B. Cruz Construction Co., Boston, MA; William Davis, Eagle Steel Products, Inc., Louisville, KY; Jose deSantiago, Desco Steel Products, Inc., Houston, TX; Dirt & Aggregate Interchange, Inc., Troutdale, OR; Frank Flores, MARSDEN Reproductions, New York, NY; Frito-Lay, Inc., Dallas, TX; Donald L. Thompson, GRES, East St. Louis, IL; Thomas Gilbane, Jr., Landover, MD.

Gilberto Gonzalez, Int'l Wholesalers/Retailers Corp., Washington, DC; Ibero-American Chamber of Commerce; Jaykim Engineering, Inc., Brea, CA; Dorothy Clinkenbeard, Joe's Smoke Ring, Arlee, MT; Mat Lucero, Los Lunas, NM; John Mariotta, WEDTECH, Bronx, NY; Charles Garay, Midwest Maintenance Co., Inc., Omaha, NE; C.J. Patterson, California National Business League; University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; Jolyn Robichaux, Baldwin Ice Cream Co., Chicago, IL; Joshua Smith, MAXIMA Corp., Bethesda, MD; and Dr. Albert Wey, Advanced Fiberoptics Corp., Tempe, AZ.