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DOLE SAYS THREE PROJECTS FOR SENIORS TO BE FUNDED IN KANSAS DURING 1986

Washington, DC -- Congress has approved 1986 funding for three projects in Kansas benefiting senior citizens, according to Sen. Bob Dole.

The projects, according to Dole, include approximately \$1 million for the gerontology center at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City; \$160,000 for a senior citizens center in Mahaska; and \$50,000 for a senior citizens center in Paola.

"I am pleased that Congress, by approving funds for projects that benefit our senior citizens, has reaffirmed its commitment to a segment of society which have so greatly contributed to our way of life," said Dole.

The two smaller projects, senior citizen centers in Mahaska and Paola, serve equally important goals, Dole said. "In these communities there will soon be a facility where our seniors can go for companionship, recreation and special activities with their peers. It is a recognition of all they have given us, and that we will not forget them," Sen. Dole said. The funding, from the Department of Health & Human Services, will be provided on a matching basis.

Dole had pushed for funding of the projects in the regular appropriations process. Because Congress did not act on all of the individual appropriations bills, the funding requests were dealt with in the Continuing Resolution adopted by Congress this week.

Dole said funding for the largest project, an estimated \$1 million for the KU gerontology center, was approved last week in the HHS appropriations bill. He noted, "The Long Term Care Gerontology Center Program at KU is a vital part of the high

priority expansion of activities serving the elderly," Sen. Dole said. "It focuses on development of cost-effective, coordinated and humane systems for delivering health and social services to vulnerable and chronically ill senior citizens." Funding will be made available as a part of the Older Americans Act.

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