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DOLE SALUTES U.S. ARMED FORCES IN PERSIAN GULF;  
DEFENSE AMENDMENT HAILS "PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION"

WASHINGTON -- COMMENDING THE COURAGEOUS WORK OF U.S. ARMED FORCES IN THE PERSIAN GULF, SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE HAS ADDED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEFENSE BILL THAT RECOGNIZES THE MEN AND WOMEN ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE GULF FOR THEIR "PROFESSIONALISM, SKILL AND DETERMINATION".

"I AM PROUD OF THE OUTSTANDING JOB OUR FORCES ARE DOING UNDER EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS," DOLE SAID. "THE 24-HOUR-A-DAY PRESSURE COOKER IN WHICH THEY MUST WORK IS A TOUGH CHALLENGE, BUT OUR MEN AND WOMEN HAVE PASSED THE TEST WITH FLYING COLORS."

THE DOLE AMENDMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

THE SENATE FINDS THAT:

The Armed Forces of the United States are engaged in escort operations in the Persian Gulf in support of American national security interests and the principle of freedom of navigation;

The government of Iran, through the use of its armed forces and revolutionary guards, is engaging in on-going activities to disrupt shipping in the Persian Gulf;

On September 21-22 a joint operation of United States Army and Naval forces succeeded in detecting in the act, tracking and neutralizing an Iranian mine-laying activity;

The success of that joint operation, by serving notice on Iran that the United States will react decisively and effectively to such activity, may lead to a reduced risk to American interests and armed forces from such activity;

There is precedent throughout American history for Congress to recognize and commend similar operations by United States Armed Forces, including the action of the Congress February 3, 1801, in praising "the gallant conduct" of the members of a United States Naval force in the wars with the Barbary Powers.

THEREFORE, IT IS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES THAT:

1. The members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the September 21-22 operation acted in the finest traditions of the Armed Forces, and displayed exemplary professionalism, skill and dedication.
2. The aforementioned members of the Armed Forces, and all United States Armed Forces personnel who supported their operation, are commended for their participation in this important and successful endeavor.