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ALF LANDON -- 1887-1987: A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT

MR. DOLE. MR. PRESIDENT, ONE OF THE GIANTS OF AMERICAN POLITICS -- ALF LANDON -- PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY IN TOPEKA -- AND TODAY KANSAS IS MOURNING.

I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT ALF LANDON WAS A FRIEND OF MINE. HE WAS ALSO A MENTOR. WHEN IT CAME TO RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN MY STATE, ALF LANDON WAS THE ROLE MODEL. HE EARNED THE RESPECT OF KANSANS AND THE REST OF AMERICA -- REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS -- WITH A CAREER WHOSE HALLMARK WAS INTEGRITY: HE TAUGHT GENERATIONS OF POLITICIANS WHAT COMMON SENSE AND LEADERSHIP WERE ALL ABOUT.

HE WAS CALLED THE "GRAND OLD MAN OF THE GRAND OLD PARTY", BUT IT WASN'T JUST BECUASE HE LIVED TO BE 100 YEARS OLD -- IT WAS BECAUSE HIS LIFE WAS A SOLID CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT.

ALF LANDON WAS AN OUTSTANDING TWO-TERM GOVERNOR, A VISIONARY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND A WELLSPRING OF WISDOM FOR POLITICIANS WHO RECOGNIZED THAT THE 'SAGE OF TOPEKA' WAS ALWAYS WAY AHEAD OF HIS TIMES.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE THE PROUD LEGACY OF ALF LANDON CONTINUE ON IN THIS CHAMBER IN THE PERSON OF OUR EXCEPTIONAL COLLEAGUE, SENATOR NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM. IT IS A PERSONAL HONOR FOR ME TO REPRESENT KANSAS WITH HER IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES JOIN ME TODAY IN EXTENDING OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS TO SENATOR KASSEBAUM AND THE REST OF THE LANDON FAMILY.

IT WAS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO THAT PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN TRAVELED TO TOPEKA TO HELP THE GOVERNOR CELEBRATE HIS ONE-HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY. TODAY I CHOOSE TO REMEBER THAT HAPPY OCCASION, A CELEBRATION OF A MAN WHOSE REMARKABLE LIFE GUARANTEES HIM A PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS GREAT LAND.