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DOLE SUPPORTS NOMINATION OF KANSAS NATIVE AS ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) made the following introduction in support of the nomination of Dr. Don W. Wilson as Archivist of the United States. The statement was presented during confirmation hearings held before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. Dr. Wilson is a native of Clay Center.

WITH A GREAT DEAL OF KANSAS PRIDE, I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT DR. DON W. WILSON TO BE THE ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES. HE BRINGS BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE AN EXTENSIVE RECORD OF EXPERIENCE IN ARCHIVAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION BOTH AT THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

I AM CONVINCED THAT DR. WILSON IS EMINENTLY QUALIFIED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THIS HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT POST, AND TO SERVE AS THE FIRST ADMINISTRATOR TO HEAD THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT AGENCY WHICH WAS BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES ACT OF 1986. HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT OF EIGHT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES, ELEVEN REGIONAL ARCHIVES BRANCHES, AND FOURTEEN RECORD CENTERS.

A NATIVE OF CLAY CENTER, KANSAS, DR. WILSON IS AN UNDERGRADUATE OF WASHBURN UNIVERSITY, AN ALMA MATER WHICH WE SHARE, AND WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A NATIONAL DEFENSE FELLOWSHIP TO STUDY FOR THE DOCTORATE IN AMERICAN HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI. HE SERVED AS ARCHIVIST WITH THE KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND LIBRARY HISTORIAN AT THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY IN ABILENE, KANSAS. FOLLOWING A TERM AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN, HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, A POST WHICH HE CURRENTLY HOLDS.

DR. WILSON BRINGS TO THIS IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP POSITION A DIVERSE BACKGROUND AS A HISTORIAN, AN AUTHOR, A LECTURER, AND AN ADMINISTRATOR. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE PLACING OUR NATION'S TREASURES IN GOOD HANDS IN NAMING DR. DON WILSON AS ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES.