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## DOLE BACKS DECISION TO ELEVATE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY APPLAUDED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S DECISION TO ELEVATE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION TO A CABINET LEVEL POST.

"CLOSE TO 78 MILLION AMERICANS -- VETERANS, THEIR DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS -- RELY ON THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FOR HELP," DOLE SAID. THE VA HAS MORE EMPLOYEES THAN ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY, EXCEPT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND POSTAL SERVICE. IT OPERATES THE LARGEST HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE LARGEST SINGLE LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM. VA EDUCATION BENEFIT POLICIES AFFECT EVERY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION. AND THE VA HOME LOAN GUARANTY PROGRAM IS CRITICAL TO THE HOME-BUYING VETERAN, THE HOMEBUILDER, AND THE MORTGAGE FINANCE INDUSTRY,"

"IN OTHER WORDS, VETERANS PROGRAMS AFFECT EVERY FACET OF AMERICAN LIFE, AND THEY DESERVE THE ATTENTION OF A CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENT. A DAY BEFORE THEIR DAY OF HONOR, THIS IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN VETERANS," DOLE CONCLUDED.