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DOLE SIGNS ON AS COCHAIRMAN OF REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today announced that he would serve as a cochairman of the newly formed Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs. "I am looking forward to working with my colleagues and Hispanic leaders to address some of the problems facing this dynamic, rapidly growing community. Together, we can make a difference for a group that deserves a stronger voice and more attention than it has received in the past."

The Task Force is comprised of eleven Republican senators and was established in answer to the Hispanic community's request for support on a broad range of issues. The Senators, with assistance from leaders in the Hispanic community, will focus on policy, appointment and program concerns that directly affect the community.

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Ut.), chairman of the group, commented, "I am very pleased that Bob has agreed to become a cochairman of the Task Force. He is a strong advocate of Hispanic rights and a proven friend of the Hispanic Community."

"Bob was the first to appoint a Hispanic to one of the highest offices in the U.S. Senate. Among many other notable contributions, Bob played an instrumental role in getting a national Hispanic literacy initiative off the ground. I know he will do an excellent job of tackling economic development problems and other issues affecting the Hispanic community."

Mario Dias, chairman of the National Hispanic GI Forum, added, "We are very fortunate to have Senator Dole join the Task Force. His commitment to the GI Forum and Hispanic issues dates back over 15 years."