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DOLE/KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE \$2 MILLION FOR LEAVENWORTH VA DOMICILIARY

Washington, D.C. -- KANSAS SENATORS BOB DOLE AND NANCY KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCED TODAY \$2 MILLION FOR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER IN LEAVENWORTH. THE SENATE PASSED THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO THE 1990 VA/HUD APPROPRIATIONS BILL LAST NIGHT. THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE PRESIDENT. BOTH SENATORS HAD BEEN LOBBYING THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS TO SECURE THE FULL AMOUNT.

"I'M PLEASED CONGRESS UNDERSTANDS THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT DOMICILIARY EVEN WITH ALL THE TIGHT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS," SAID DOLE. "SENATOR KASSEBAUM AND I FEEL THIS IS A TOP PRIORITY AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. OUR KANSAS VETERANS DESERVE THE BEST FACILITIES WE CAN PROVIDE."

"FOR OVER TEN YEARS THIS PROPOSED PROJECT HAS BEEN A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE VA, AND YET FOR TEN YEARS NO FUNDS WERE PROVIDED. I AM PLEASED THAT CONGRESS HAS FINALLY REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT A NEW DOMICILIARY CARE UNIT WILL BE FOR THE HUNDREDS OF VETERANS IN DIRE NEED OF ITS SERVICES," SAID KASSEBAUM. "SENATOR DOLE IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR HIS DILIGENCE IN SEEING THIS FUNDING GO THROUGH, AND I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH HIM IN THAT EFFORT. WE BOTH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING JUST AS HARD OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS MAINTAINED TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT, FROM GROUNDBREAKING TO OPENING DAY."

THE \$2 MILLION REQUESTED WILL FUND DESIGN PLANS FOR THE 208-BED DOMICILIARY. TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$16 MILLION.