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WASHINGTON, D.C.--July 25, 1989--Calling it "a fitting tribute," Kansas Senators Nancy Landon Kassebaum and Bob Dole introduced legislation today to rename the Veterans Hospital at Leavenworth, Kansas in honor of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Under this legislation, the hospital would be known as the "Dwight D. Eisenhower Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

"The renaming of this historic facility would be fitting for two reasons," Kassebaum said. "First, President Eisenhower had very close ties with the state of Kansas. In the town of Abilene, Kansas, can be found not only the Eisenhower Museum and Library, but also his family home and final resting place. Second, next year will commemorate the 100th anniversary of President Eisenhower's birth. In that regard, the renaming of the Leavenworth hospital in 'Ike's' honor would certainly be appropriate."

"It is a fitting tribute to the 34th President of the United States, and to the distinguished five-star general who led Allied armies to victory in Europe that we should place his name on the Veterans' Administration Medical Center at Leavenworth," Dole said. "He was truly a great American, a great soldier, and a great President. Kansans can all be proud of Dwight D. Eisenhower."

In addition to his Kansas upbringing, Eisenhower returned to Kansas to attend the Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth. A similar measure to rename the Leavenworth hospital is being introduced in the House by members of the Kansas congressional delegation.

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