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IT'S OFFICIAL! SHOCKERS TO MEET PRESIDENT BUSH FRIDAY.
DOLE, KASSEBAUM NAIL DOWN WHITE HOUSE INVITATION FOR WSU WORLD
SERIES CHAMPS.

"KANSAS LOVING EVERY MINUTE ON OUR FIELD OF DREAMS" DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- KANSAS SENATORS BOB DOLE AND NANCY KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PRESIDENT BUSH HAS INVITED THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPS -- THE WICHITA STATE SHOCKERS -- TO THE WHITE HOUSE. ACCORDING TO DOLE, THE TEAM WILL MEET THE PRESIDENT AND WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

SENATORS DOLE AND KASSEBAUM CALLED THE WHITE HOUSE ON MONDAY TO ASK THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE SHOCKER BASEBALL TEAM FOLLOWING ITS 5-3 CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY IN OMAHA OVER THE TEXAS LONGHORNS. THIS MORNING THE WHITE HOUSE CALLED TO INVITE THE TEAM.

DOLE AND KASSEBAUM ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD BE HOSTING A CAPITOL HILL RECEPTION FOR THE TEAM IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE EVENT.

"KANSAS IS LOVING EVERY MINUTE ON OUR 'FIELD OF DREAMS'. SATURDAY'S CLINCHER WAS A REAL NERVE-WRACKER, BUT WICHITA STATE SHOWED AMERICA IT HAD THE RIGHT STUFF TO GO ALL THE WAY. THEY HAVE RICHLY EARNED A TRIP TO THE WHITE HOUSE," DOLE SAID.

"I AM PLEASED AND PROUD THE SHOCKERS WILL BE ABLE TO STAND IN THE ROSE GARDEN WITH PRESIDENT BUSH TO RECEIVE THE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR WHICH THEY FOUGHT SO HARD," KASSEBAUM SAID. "LIKE MANY ATHLETES BEFORE THEM, THE SHOCKERS DEMONSTRATED THE REAL MEANING OF 'TRUE GRIT'."

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