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DOLE SELECTS SENATORS COCHRAN & COATS
TO SERVE ON DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS PANEL

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY ANNOUNCED THE SELECTION OF SENATORS THAD COCHRAN (R-MISS) AND DAN COATS (R-IND) TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS.

THE 26-MEMBER PANEL WAS ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE SWEEPING ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ACT OF 1988. IT HELPS ENCOURAGE STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS TO DEVELOP A DRUG-FREE AGENDA ON THEIR CAMPUSES AND PROMOTES THOSE EFFORTS THROUGH NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF MODEL PROGRAMS.

"WINNING THE DRUG WAR IS PRIORITY ONE FOR AMERICA. IT CAN'T BE DONE OVERNIGHT, BUT WE CAN HARNESS THE BEST TALENT AVAILABLE SO WE CAN START TURNING THE CORNER -- AND THE BEST PLACE TO START IS IN OUR SCHOOLS," DOLE SAID. "THAT'S WHY I AM PLEASED THAT THAD AND DAN HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR TALENTS TO HELP WIN THE FIGHT."

AS SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER, SENATOR DOLE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT TWO MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION. EDUCATION SECRETARY LAURO CAVASOS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY WILLIAM BENNETT, WILL CO-CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

"THAD COCHRAN IS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE SENATE. HIS LEADERSHIP AND CREDIBILITY PLUS HIS COMMITMENT TO A DRUG-FREE AMERICA WILL BE TREMENDOUS ADDITIONS TO THE COMMISSION," DOLE ADDED.

"AS ONE OF OUR NEWEST COLLEAGUES, DAN COATS HAS HAD AN IMPRESSIVE BEGINNING IN THE SENATE. HIS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON THE DRUG CHALLENGE IS ANOTHER SIGN THAT HE INTENDS TO BE A REAL PLAYER HERE," DOLE SAID.

THE COMMISSION WILL RECOMMEND CRITERIA FOR SCHOOLS TO MEET TO BE CONSIDERED DRUG-FREE, WHICH COULD INCLUDE: GUIDELINES FOR COMPREHENSIVE DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS; THE DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT CONDUCT CODES; RECOMMENDING REFERRAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS FOUND TO BE USING DRUGS; AND COORDINATING COMMUNITY-WIDE ANTI-DRUG AGENDAS.

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