

THE SHOCKERS ARE CHAMPS!
DOLE SENATE SPEECH CONGRATULATES SHOCKERS
"AMERICA AGREES: WE PLAY SOME PRETTY GOOD BALL BACK HOME"

MR. DOLE. MR. PRESIDENT, THIS PAST WEEKEND A KANSAS TORNADO ROARED THROUGH OMAHA, NEBRASKA. THE GOOD NEWS IS, IT DIDN'T DO ANY DAMAGE, EXCEPT TO THE COMPETITION AT THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES.

THE TORNADO WAS THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM WHICH WON THE N.C.-DOUBLE-A CHAMPIONSHIP ON SATURDAY WITH A DRAMATIC 5-3 VICTORY OVER A TOUGH TEXAS LONGHORN SQUAD.

TODAY, THE TEAM IS BEING HONORED WITH A JOYOUS PARADE THROUGH DOWNTOWN WICHITA. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE SHOCKERS EARNED IT.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE CELECRATION BY ANNOUNCING THAT PRESIDENT BUSH HAS JUST EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE SHOCKER TEAM TO COME VISIT HIM IN THE WHITE THIS FRIDAY WITH A RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING. I HAVE A FEELING THE TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.

HAVE THEY EARNED IT!

DESPITE INJURIES, THE HAUNTING MEMORIES OF TOURNAMENT ELIMINATION LAST YEAR AND SOME RUGGED COMPETITION THIS YEAR, OUR WHEAT SHOCKERS FROM WICHITA REFUSED TO SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN THE WORLD SERIES TITLE. AND THEY PROVED IT, FIGHTING OFF ELIMINATION SIX TIMES.

WELL, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED -- CALL THEM NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE COACH GENE STEPHENSON AND THE ENTIRE SHOCKER TEAM FOR AN INSPIRATIONAL VICTORY. KANSAS IS ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE ON OUR 'FIELD OF DREAMS'.

OUR STATE IS ESPECIALLY PROUD THAT THE NATIONAL BASEBALL CROWN NOW RESTS IN THE MIDWEST; FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 23 YEARS IT IS NOT IN THE SUNBELT. AND WE ARE ALSO EXTREMELY PROUD THAT THE SHOCKERS ARE MAINLY A HOME-GROWN PRODUCT: SIX OF THE NINE PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT CLINCHING TIME WERE KANSANS.

LOOKS LIKE WE PLAY SOME PRETTY GOOD BALL BACK HOME. AMERICA AGREES.

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