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DOLE RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENS MEDAL
REAGAN PRESENTS AWARD AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON -- AT AN OVAL OFFICE CEREMONY, SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KANS.) TODAY RECEIVED THE PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENS MEDAL, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

President Reagan personally presented the medal, established in 1969 to recognize Americans who have performed "exemplary deeds" for the country or its citizens.

In his remarks, President Reagan said: "Whether on the battlefield or Capitol Hill, Senator Dole has served America heroically. Senate Majority Leader during one of the most productive Congresses of recent time, he has also been a friend to veterans, farmers, and Americans from every walk of life. Bob Dole has stood for integrity, straight talk and achievement throughout his years of distinguished public service."

"The Presidential Citizens Medal ranks among the most special awards I have ever received," Dole said. "First, because I was singled out for this honor by one of the greatest Presidents in modern history -- Ronald Reagan; and second, because the Medal is in recognition of the most important part of my life -- public service. I thank the President for this great tribute."