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## DOLE SAYS PEPPER WAS A "ONE OF A KIND" COLLEAGUE

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CONGRESSMAN CLAUDE PEPPER IN A STATEMENT ON THE SENATE FLOOR. EXCERPTS FROM THE DOLE STATEMENT:

CONGRESS IS UNITED TODAY. REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ON BOTH SIDES OF CAPITOL HILL ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF A ONE-OF-A-KIND COLLEAGUE, CLAUDE PEPPER. HE WAS A UNIQUE MAN, A WARM, HUMBLE AND COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUAL AND A RESOLUTE, DETERMINED CONGRESSMAN WHO ALWAYS STOOD UP AND FOUGHT FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED...

...CLAUDE PEPPER WAS ALWAYS A MAN WITH A CAUSE -- ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR THE LITTLE GUY AND SEEKING WAYS THAT WE AS A NATION COULD MAKE LIFE BETTER -- IF NOT JUST BEARABLE -- FOR THE ELDERLY AND LESS FORTUNATE...

...CLAUDE PEPPER WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS UNENDING WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. HE PROPERLY REMINDED US THAT IT WAS OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO BUILT THE BRIDGES, RAISED THE CHILDREN, FOUGHT THE WARS, PAID THE TAXES, AND PERFORMED THE WORK THAT MADE THIS COUNTRY GREAT...

...HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY WAS EVIDENT IN A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM HIM IN MAY, 1983, SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENT SIGNED OUR RESCUE PACKAGE INTO LAW. IN IT, HE TALKED OF HOW WE "NEVER LOST HOPE AND FAITH IN OUR ACCOMPLISHING THE IMMEASURABLE TASK OF SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY AS A SOUND AND SOLVENT INSTITUTION FOR THE NEXT 75 YEARS."...

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