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WASHINGTON, D.C.--July 25, 1989--Calling it "a fitting tribute," Kansas Senators Nancy Landon Kassebaum and Bob Dole introduced legislation today to rename the Veterans Hospital at Leavenworth, Kansas in honor of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Under this legislation, the hospital would be known as the "Dwight D. Eisenhower Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

"The renaming of this historic facility would be fitting for two reasons," Kassebaum said. "First, President Eisenhower had very close ties with the state of Kansas. In the town of Abilene, Kansas, can be found not only the Eisenhower Museum and Library, but also his family home and final resting place. Second, next year will commemorate the 100th anniversary of President Eisenhower's birth. In that regard, the renaming of the Leavenworth hospital in 'Ike's' honor would certainly be appropriate."

"It is a fitting tribute to the 34th President of the United States, and to the distinguished five-star general who led Allied armies to victory in Europe that we should place his name on the Veterans' Administration Medical Center at Leavenworth," Dole said. "He was truly a great American, a great soldier, and a great President. Kansans can all be proud of Dwight D. Eisenhower."

In addition to his Kansas upbringing, Eisenhower returned to Kansas to attend the Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth. A similar measure to rename the Leavenworth hospital is being introduced in the House by members of the Kansas congressional delegation.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--July 27, 1989--Kansas Senators Nancy Landon Kassebaum and Bob Dole today announced that \$4.5 million in second year funding for a new plant research center at Kansas State University has been approved by the Senate. The money for the Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center was included in the Department of Agriculture appropriations bill, which passed the Senate by voice vote Thursday.

"I am pleased the Senate has shown its continued commitment to this important project," Kassebaum said. "I am hopeful that when the appropriations bill goes to conference the Senate's figure will be accepted and this valuable project will continue to receive full federal support."

The House, in its version of the Agriculture Department appropriations bill, approved \$500,000 in funding for the Throckmorton Center.

"The Senate's action confirms our commitment to establish this essential agricultural research center," Dole said. "By expanding one of Kansas State's strongest departments with the addition of the Throckmorton facility, the university will enhance its status as a leader in wheat and sorghum research."

The Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center is estimated to cost \$26.9 million, and will be funded equally by the federal and state governments. Last year, the federal government provided \$1.35 million. The proposed plant science facility will consist of new greenhouses, offices, classrooms, and state-of-the-art laboratories.

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