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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE NOMINATION OF LYNN MARTIN TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR

MR. PRESIDENT, WHILE I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE AN EXPERT ON LABOR ISSUES, I DO HAVE SOME HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO THE SECRETARY OF LABOR.

AND IT IS MY STRONGEST CONVICTION THAT THE PRESIDENT GOT HIMSELF A REAL WINNER WHEN HE PICKED LYNN MARTIN, AND YESTERDAY'S 17-0 VOTE OF THE SENATE LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE SHOWS THAT I AM NOT ALONE.

LYNN MARTIN'S BLUE RIBBON CAREER HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED HER INTELLIGENCE, HER KEEN INSIGHT ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, AND HER COMMITMENT AND DEVOTION TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

AS PRESIDENT BUSH SAID, LYNN MARTIN "EXEMPLIFIES THE VERY BEST IN PUBLIC SERVICE."

MR. PRESIDENT, THE KEY WORD HERE IS "BEST" BECAUSE LYNN MARTIN IS THE BEST.

SHE HAS A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ISSUES HAVING DEVOTED EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT -- FIRST AS A WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD MEMBER; THEN ON TO THE ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND FINALLY TO THE ILLINOIS SENATE WHERE SHE SERVED UNTIL HER ELECTION TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1980.

WITH A DECADE OF SERVICE IN THE HOUSE, LYNN MARTIN SERVED WITH DISTINCTION ON -- AMONG OTHERS -- THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND RULES COMMITTEES.

NOW, AS SHE MOVES ON TO BECOME THE TWENTY-FIRST SECRETARY OF LABOR, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SHE WILL CONTINUE TO DISTINGUISH HERSELF, THE DEPARTMENT WHICH SHE WILL HEAD, AND THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH SHE WILL REPRESENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, NO ONE DOUBTS THAT LABOR ISSUES IN THE NINETIES WILL BE AS CHALLENGING AS EVER; SIMILARLY, MR. PRESIDENT, NO ONE DOUBTS THAT LYNN MARTIN IS MORE THAN UP TO THE JOB SHE HAS UNDERTAKEN.

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF HER NOMINATION, AND I SUSPECT I SPEAK FOR VIRTUALLY EVERY MEMBER IN THIS CHAMBER IN SAYING THAT I WISH HER THE VERY BEST AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HER.

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