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SENATOR DOLE HONORED BY FBI FOR WORK IN CONGRESS;
DOLE GIVES SPECIAL AWARD TO WIDOW OF SLAIN AGENT FROM GALENA, KS

Orlando, Florida -- An FBI agent from Galena, Kansas who lost his life in the line of duty received posthumous recognition today as Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Ks) presented the agent's widow with a special award for valor.

Senator Dole made the presentation as the keynote speaker at the annual FBI Agents Association Convention in Orlando.

Senator Dole presented the "FBI Agents Association J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Award for Valor" to Mrs. Becky Abram, whose husband, Special Agent Douglas Abram, died in the line of duty, January 19, 1990. A member of the St. Louis FBI SWAT Team that participated in a raid on January 19, Abram lost his life during the raid. Both Mrs. Abram and her late husband are from Galena, Kansas.

Senator Dole issued the following remarks at the awards ceremony:

"Let me take a moment here to mention another set of unsung heroes - and that's the wives, husbands, and children of FBI special agents. Your loved ones work long hours, at duties that are often dangerous. And they couldn't do their work without your support and understanding. America owes you their gratitude.

And there is one family who remains in our thoughts and prayers - the family of Special Agent Douglas Abram, who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. In just a few minutes, it will be my high privilege to present your J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Award for Valor to the family of your fallen comrade.

Most of you knew Doug. And most of you know of the courage he exhibited throughout his career and in his final actions as an Agent. Special Agent Abram was a patriot who served 14 years as an agent, and 12 years in the Air Force. He was the first member of a SWAT team to enter the residence of a suspected bank robbery, and was struck when the suspect opened fire. Two other agents were wounded in the incident.

At his father's funeral service, 17-year-old Cody Abram said that his father 'died the way he would have wanted to - in the line of duty for his country . . . ' " The debt America owes to the families of Special Agent Abram and all those who have, like him, died in the line of duty for their country, is to ensure that they did not die in vain.

We must continue to fight the good fight against the vicious criminals and drug dealers who endanger our children and our society. And we must continue to provide our law enforcement professionals - federal, state, and local - with the respect and compensation they richly deserve."

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