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## **SENATOR KASSEBAUM**

### **STATEMENT OF SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE**

During my years in the United States Senate, it has been my privilege to serve alongside two remarkable colleagues from Kansas.

The first was Jim Pearson, who was a Senator of great common sense and great integrity who was widely respected by members on both sides of the aisle.

When Senator Pearson retired in 1978, Kansans replaced him with another person of common sense and integrity--Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum. Kansans reelected Senator Kassebaum in 1984 and 1990 by overwhelming margins.

And there is no doubt that she would have received another landslide next November.

This morning in Topeka, however, Senator Kassebaum announced that she would retire from the Senate at the end of next year.

This announcement was not unexpected, but still it comes as a blow to Kansans, and to all of us here in the Senate who have grown to count on Senator Kassebaum's leadership, wisdom, and friendship.

I will have more to say about Senator Kassebaum in the coming weeks and months, but I did want to take just a minute today to pay tribute to our colleague and friend.

The Senate has debated many historic and important issues in the past 17 years, and Senator Kassebaum has played a key role in many of them.

As a member of the Labor and Human Resources Committee--a Committee she now chairs--Senator Kassebaum has tirelessly worked for legislation to assist America's working men and women.

Kansans have a tradition for helping neighbors in need, and Senator Kassebaum continued that tradition here in the Senate, as she devoted time and energy to improving programs that help the less fortunate.

Senator Kassebaum also emerged over the years as a strong force in shaping America's foreign policy. One example of her leadership in this arena was her instrumental role in shaping the policy that helped move South Africa to a new era of equality.

Senator Kassebaum's father, the great Alf Landon, once said "There are some smart people in Washington. There are more of 'em in Kansas.

Senator Kassebaum has succeeded because she has always kept those words in mind, and she always understood that Kansans and Americans didn't need the federal government to run their lives and make decisions for them.

Nancy Kassebaum's record of intelligence, integrity, and independence have ensured that she will always be remembered as one of the true giants of Kansas political history.

And I know I speak for all members of the Senate in saying that we are very proud to call her our colleague and our friend.

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