

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
DEDICATION OF WASHBURN LAW SCHOOL
WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
TOPEKA, KANSAS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1969

PRESIDENT HENDERSON, MR. JUSTICE WHITE, COMMISSIONER HATCHER,
DEAN HOWE, STUDENTS, FACULTY AND FRIENDS:

IT IS AN HONOR TO RECEIVE THIS DEGREE, AND IT IS AN HONOR TO BE
HERE WITH YOU ON THIS DAY OF REBIRTH AND REDEDICATION.

WASHBURN AND THE LAW SCHOOL MAY BE PROUD TODAY, AS IN THE FALL OF
1903, WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IN THE FALL OF 1966 THAT WE WOULD BE
MEETING TODAY FOR THIS OCCASION? FEW PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DARED SUCH
A PREDICTION, BUT AT WASHBURN MANY HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO GROWTH
AND PROGRESS OVER THE YEARS. AND SUCH DEDICATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN RE-
PAID IN SUCCESS.

NOWHERE IN THE LAW SCHOOL'S HISTORY DOES THE DEVOTION OF ITS
PEOPLE STAND OUT MORE CLEARLY THAN OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. THE
TORNADO COULD HAVE FOSTERED DESPAIR AND RESIGNATION. INSTEAD, IT

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INSPIRED FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI TO OVERCOME WHAT HAD APPEARED AS INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES. INERTIA, APATHY AND PROCRASTINATION VANISHED WITH THAT TERRIBLE WIND AND THE WASHBURN SPIRIT EMERGED TO GET THE WORK DONE.

NOW THE LAW SCHOOL HAS FACILITIES EQUAL TO ITS GREAT TRADITION OF LEARNING IN THE LAW. BUT YOU WILL NOT REST HERE. THIS ACHIEVEMENT WILL BE AN INSPIRATION AND FOUNDATION FROM WHICH YOUR PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE WILL CONTINUE. IT IS PROBABLY DIFFICULT FOR THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO ELBOW ROOM, BUT ONCE THIS MINOR ADJUSTMENT IS MADE YOU WILL DEFINE A NEW ERA OF THE WASHBURN LAW SCHOOL. IT WILL BE AN ERA OF GROWTH IN NUMBERS AND QUALITY AND IN SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE.

THIS CAMPUS HOLDS MANY WARM MEMORIES FROM COLLEGE AND LAW SCHOOL DAYS. THE UNIVERSITY'S PHYSICAL APPEARANCE HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY SINCE 1952, BUT ITS UNIQUE SPIRIT REMAINS. IT ENDURES, GROWS STRONGER AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE HALLMARK OF A GREAT INSTITUTION.

I AM PROUD TO BE WITH YOU TODAY AND WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS.