

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
DEDICATION OF THE IDA LONG GOODMAN  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ST. JOHN, KANSAS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1969

MRS. GOODMAN -- AN UNUSUAL MANNER

IT IS NOT GRATITUDE WHICH THIS GREAT LADY SEEKS. HAPPINESS TO MRS. GOODMAN IS BEING ABLE TO USE HER ENERGY AND TALENTS TO PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE. ~~REDACTED~~. AS A RENOWNED EDUCATOR AND SPEECH THERAPIST, SHE HAS DEVOTED MANY YEARS TO THE REHABILITATION OF THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

AFTER SERVING STAFFORD COUNTY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, MRS. GOODMAN ACCEPTED A POST AS SPEECH THERAPIST AND REMEDIAL READING INSTRUCTOR AT A PROMINENT HOSPITAL IN THE DENVER, COLORADO, AREA.

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THE NEXT 10 YEARS WERE DEVOTED TO REHABILITATING THE HANDI-CAPPED FOR WHICH MRS. GOODMAN RECEIVED WIDE ACCLAIM.

IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN DEDICATING THIS MAGNIFICENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO MRS. IDA LONG GOODMAN.

I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING MRS. GOODMAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT SHE IS THAT KIND OF RARE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD PREFER TO AVOID LISTENING TO ANY WORDS OF THANKS -- OR PRAISE -- BESTOWED UPON HER TODAY.

IN ATTEMPTING TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THIS NEW LIBRARY, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN SAY THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE OUR AWARENESS, MUCH LESS OUR APPRECIATION, OF WHAT THIS DAY REPRESENTS TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA AND TO THOSE OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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LIBRARY FACILITIES

LET US DEVOTE OUR THANKS AND ATTENTION TO WHAT THIS HISTORIC DAY IS ALL ABOUT -- LET US GAZE UPON THIS MAGNIFICENT NEW LIBRARY!

CONSIDER WHAT THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW LIBRARY WILL MEAN TO THE CHILDREN, STUDENTS AND ADULTS OF ST. JOHN, HUDSON, AND THE ENTIRE STAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY. IF THOSE PRESENT ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE OVERALL LIBRARY PLAN, LET US DEVOTE A MOMENT'S STUDY TO IT.

THE FIRST THING TO CONCLUDE IS THAT THE IDA LONG GOODMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY IS DESIGNED TO SERVE THE EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY NEEDS OF EVERYONE IN THE STAFFORD COMMUNITY -- GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, RESEARCHISTS, THOSE IN NEED OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL.



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AS WE VIEW THE PLAN OF THIS NEW LIBRARY, WE SEE ALSO THAT IT IS DESIGNED TO SATISFY WHATEVER MOOD OF USE THE COMMUNITY OR INDIVIDUAL DESIRES. THERE ARE FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND CLASSROOMS FOR ORGANIZED EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS. THERE IS A STAGE. PRIVACY IS AFFORDED TO THOSE WISHING TO STUDY IN SILENCE OR RELAX FROM THE DAY'S PRESSURES. THERE IS A GARDEN AREA FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY KNOWLEDGE WITH NATURE.

MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

THESE ARE MANY OF THE DELIGHTFUL FEATURES OF YOUR NEW LIBRARY, BUT THERE IS MORE ---- SO MUCH THAT IT IS BOUND TO RESULT IN A DRAMATIC AND WONDERFUL CHANGE IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF ALL WHO UTILIZE ITS FACILITIES.

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OF EVEN GREATER SIGNIFICANCE IS THE REALIZATION THAT YOUR NEW LIBRARY PROVIDES ADEQUATE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE MANY MORE STUDENTS THAN ARE NOW ENROLLED IN THE PRESENT CURRICULUM. ( [REDACTED] AT

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WHEREAS I UNDERSTAND THE OLD LIBRARY PROVIDED THE ST. JOHN - HUDSON AREA WITH ONLY 20,000 VOLUMES, THE IDA LONG GOODMAN LIBRARY OFFERS THE COMMUNITY 50,000 VOLUMES ---- A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE, I WOULD SAY.

I COULD GO ON AND ON. LET ME JUST SAY THAT I CONSIDER THIS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAS OCCURRED IN OUR STATE IN QUITE SOME TIME. THAT IS WHY I AM HONORED TO SHARE THIS HAPPY OCCASION WITH YOU.

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ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH VOLUNTARY ACTION

I WILL NOT LET MRS. GOODMAN GET AWAY WITHOUT SAYING A LITTLE MORE ABOUT HER PERSONALLY.

AS YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON OFFERS US A VITAL, NEW PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT BASED UPON GOOD MANAGEMENT. THIS PHILOSOPHY IS DEDICATED TO A UNITED AMERICA AT PEACE AND RETURN OF POWER AND INITIATIVE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY. THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT RESIDES IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY -- THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY ACTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN, WHO RECOGNIZES THAT AN OPPORTUNITY EXISTS -- HERE IN THE ST. JOHN AREA AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON -- TO MAKE THE AMERICA OF TOMORROW A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.



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MRS. GOODMAN'S SUCCESS IN DEMONSTRATING JUST WHAT THE  
PRESIDENT MEANS BY THE VOLUNTARY ACTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AMER-  
ICAN, IS A LITTLE DIFFICULT FOR <sup>some</sup> TO COMPREHEND. SHE HAS MADE  
THE AMERICA OF STAFFORD COUNTY TODAY A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH  
TO LIVE -- TODAY!!

WHEN SHE HAS THE TIME, I HOPE SHE WILL COME TO WASHINGTON  
TO GIVE US A FEW POINTERS.