

REMARKS OF SENATOR DOLE

FT. SCOTT

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN FORT SCOTT TONIGHT.

WE ARE HERE TO PRAISE THE EFFORTS OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING OLD FORT SCOTT A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

THIS HAS BEEN A PROJECT WHICH ALL OF FT. SCOTT HAS ENTERED INTO ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AND I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER EXAMPLE OF WHAT COMMUNITY PRIDE AND COMMUNITY ACTION CAN DO.

BUT WE HAVE TO POINT TO SEVERAL PRIME MOVERS. THE FT. SCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AS WELL AS THE FT. SCOTT PRIDE COMMITTEE, HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OLD FORT IS PRESERVED. I MIGHT ADD THAT MY STAFF HAS PROUDLY WORKED WITH BOTH OF THESE GROUPS IN DEALING WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

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WE SHOULD ALSO THANK GARY HAWK, WHOSE DONATIONS OF HIS PAINTINGS ARE MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO FINANCE THE PROMOTION EFFORTS.

THE FORT SCOTT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE IS A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE KANSAS TOURISM SCENE, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT IS A MONUMENT TO THE EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE OF FT. SCOTT. THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE FORT DURING THE PAST YEAR-AND-A-HALF BEARS TESTIMONY TO THE FACT THAT THIS AREA REMEMBERS AND VALUES ITS HISTORY, AND THAT IT IS WILLING TO INVEST THE TIME TO PRESERVE ITS PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.