

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

ON NEW HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT KANSAS UNIVERSITY

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH CHANCELLOR BUDIG AND
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APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS IN THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR, I NEVER THOUGHT
I WOULD SEE THIS \$9 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF
KANSAS BECOME A REALITY. I WAS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN OBTAINING
THIS FUNDING FOR THE NEW K.U. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER. AS MANY
OF YOU HERE WILL RECOGNIZE, WHILE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF
CONGRESS, I HAVE NOT FREQUENTLY ENGAGED IN SUCH SPECIAL INTEREST
PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THIS IS ONE THAT I FOUND TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY
WORTHWHILE.

I UNDERSTAND FROM THE COMMITTEE STAFF THAT IS USED TO
REVIEWING SUCH PROPOSED PROJECTS THAT THEY ALSO THOUGHT IT WAS
ONE OF THE MOST WORTHWHILE PROPOSALS TO GO THROUGH THEIR

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COMMITTEE. K.U. OWES A SPECIAL THANKS TO SENATOR STAFFORD, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN GRANTING THE AUTHORIZATION. ALSO, SENATOR WEICKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOR-HHS APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING TO OBTAIN THE ACTUAL FUNDING AFTER THE AUTHORIZATION HAD PASSED.

REPUTATION OF UNIVERSITY

THIS SENATOR HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED AMERICANS, AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE A VERY FORWARD-LOOKING, PROGRESSIVE CONCEPT IN DEALING WITH THE NEEDS OF OUR DISABLED CITIZENS, THROUGH ALL THE STAGES OF LIFE.

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HAS PERHAPS THE BEST RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS KIND OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER, DESIGNED TO SERVE THE LIFE-SPAN NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, FROM INFANCY THROUGH OLD AGE. I AM

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CONFIDENT THIS CENTER WILL BECOME A NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE -- IT IS CERTAINLY ONE OF A KIND AND WILL BE A VALUABLE NATIONAL RESOURCE.

K.U. HAS A REPUTATION OF BEING ONE OF THE FOREMOST INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN RESEARCH AND TRAINING RELATED TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN A LEADER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND IN THE DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION AND MAINSTREAMING OF DISABLED INDIVIDUALS.

THROUGH THE INVESTMENT OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDS OVER A PERIOD OF SIXTY YEARS, K.U. HAS DEVELOPED A NETWORK OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS OF RESEARCHERS WITH THE UNIQUE CAPABILITY OF ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS OVER THE SPAN OF A LIFETIME. RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOCUS ON REHABILITATION, EDUCATION, PARENT TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, INDEPENDENT LIVING AND THE PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS OF DISABLED

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PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. PERSONNEL TRAINED AT K.U. GO ON TO HOLD PROMINENT RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS AT MAJOR CENTERS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONALLY.

MAJOR RESEARCH INSTITUTION

AS ONE OF THE NATION'S MAJOR RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIRTY PERCENT OF THE SPONSORED RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS IS DEVOTED TO SOLVING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUTH. THIS UNDERLINES THE STRENGTH OF THESE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE UNIVERSITY'S LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO THIS AREA.

I WISH THE BEST OF LUCK TO UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS IN DEVELOPING WHAT IS A VERY PROGRESSIVE CONCEPT IN TREATING THE NEEDS OF DISABLED PERSONS, AND RAISING THE NECESSARY PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDS TO COMPLETE THIS FACILITY.