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UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY
WASHINGTON HILTON
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- O I WANT TO ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE OF OTHERS ON THIS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE FOUNDATION HAS NOT ONLY MOVED THIS COUNTRY CLOSER TO THE GOAL OF ELIMINATING THE CAUSES OF CEREBRAL PALSY, BUT HAS ALSO ADVANCE TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR THOSE PERSONS WITH CEREBRAL PALSY.
- O MY ASSOCIATION WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY GOES BACK ALMOST THE FULL 30 YEARS. 25 YEARS AGO AS THE RUSSELL COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AS CONGRESSMAN-ELECT TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I SERVED AS THE FIRST HONORARY UCP TELETHON CHAIRMAN IN KANSAS.
- O SINCE THAT TIME, MY GOOD FRIEND JACK JONAS, PRESIDENT, CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF KANSAS, HAS CONTINUED TO KEEP ME ACTIVELY INFORMED AND INVOLVED IN THE KANSAS PROGRAM. AS IN THE PAST, JACK CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A VALUED RESOURCE TO ME REGARDING THE CONTINUING NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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DOLE FOUNDATION

- O I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY FAVORITE CHARITY, THE DOLE FOUNDATION. I THINK THAT YOU WILL BE INTERESTED NOT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE BEING POLITE TO THE SENIOR SENATOR FROM KANSAS, BUT BECAUSE THE GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION ARE SO CONSISTENT WITH YOUR OWN.
- O THE DOLE FOUNDATION IS A NONPARTISAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DEDICATED TO THE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IT WILL AWARD GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS WHICH PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS IN COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT.
- O WHILE THE FOUNDATION'S MAIN FUNCTION IS GRANTMAKING, IT WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT SECONDARY ROLE IN ENCOURAGING GREATER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED PERSONS BY PRIVATE FUNDERS, TO THE ULTIMATE BENEFIT OF BOTH LOCAL PROJECTS AND NATIONAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY.
- O AFTER AN INITIAL PERIOD OF DEVELOPMENT, THE FOUNDATION WILL BE STARTING LIMITED GRANTMAKING ACTIVITY IN THE FALL. I, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE PROMISE OF THE FOUNDATION. ALL OF US ARE PLEASED TO JOIN HANDS WITH INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS YOURSELVES TO ASSIST IN INSURING THAT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY AS PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYEES, BUSINESSOWNERS, AND TAXPAYERS.