

INTRODUCTION OF SECRETARY ELIZABETH DOLE
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WHEN RAY AND STELLA DILLON ESTABLISHED THIS LECTURE SERIES, THEY DID SO IN THE HOPE IT MIGHT STIMULATE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF MAJOR ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS. FOR THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT EVENTS IN THE MORNING HEADLINES WERE, IN TRUTH, HISTORY IN THE MAKING.

THIS YEAR'S LECTURER IS NO STRANGER TO THE FRONTPAGES, OR THE HISTORY BOOKS. AS THE SEVENTH WOMAN TO SERVE IN THE CABINET, AND THE FIRST EVER TO HEAD A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES, SHE HAS SPENT THE LAST THREE YEARS BREAKING WITH PRECEDENT AND CHALLENGING SOME OF WASHINGTON'S MOST INGRAINED HABITS.

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BUILDING UPON HER EARLIER WORK AS A MEMBER OF
THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, SHE HAS PURSUED NEW
AVENUES OF DEREGULATION, EVEN WHILE INTENSIFYING
GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO SAFETY IN THE AIR AND
ON THE HIGHWAYS, ON THE RAILS AND WHEREVER
PASSENGERS TRAVEL OR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS SHIP
THEIR PRODUCTS.

WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE NATIONAL BOUNDARIES
ARE NO LONGER REGARDED AS NATURAL BARRIERS TO
COMMERCE AND CULTURAL INTERCHANGE -- A WORLD WHOSE
PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL FRONTIERS ARE LIMITED
ONLY BY OUR OWN IMAGINATION. THIS MORNING'S
LECTURER IS A FIRM BELIEVER IN THE IDEA THAT
GOVERNMENT, TOO, MUST BE WILLING TO INNOVATE. OF
ALL THE THINGS WE CANNOT AFFORD IN THE TIME OF
FISCAL AUSTERITY, COMPLACENCY IS THE MOST
EXPENSIVE LUXURY OF ALL.

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AS A BOY, I LEARNED OF THE VITAL ROLE THAT
TRANSPORTATION PLAYS IN GETTING A FARMER'S GOODS
TO MARKET. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, I'VE HAD A
CHANCE TO LEARN MUCH MORE ABOUT TRANSPORT, WHERE
IT IS GOING AND WHERE IT IS TAKING US AS A
SOCIETY. THIS MORNING, I'M DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE
MY TUTOR -- THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,
ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE.