

SENATOR BOB DOLE
REMARKS TO
RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
TOPEKA, KANSAS
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RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOC.
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH
GENERAL KENNEDY. IT'S A
PLEASURE TO SPEAK BEFORE
SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GROUP
OF KANSANS — AND A
DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF
AMERICAN VETERANS.

THESE ARE PROUD TIMES FOR
KANSAS AND THE AMERICAN
MILITARY. I'M CERTAIN IT DID

NOT ESCAPE ANYONE'S NOTICE
HERE THAT WHEN THE PRESIDENT
CALLED TO CONFRONT SADDAM
HUSSEIN'S BRUTAL MIDDLE EAST
AGGRESSION, AIR NATIONAL
GUARDSMEN FROM TOPEKA AND
WICHITA WERE AMONG THE
FIRST TO RESPOND, TAKING TO
THE AIR IN THEIR KC-135
REFUELING TANKERS. THESE

TANKERS PROVED TO BE THE
BACKBONE OF OUR AIRLIFT
CAPABILITY, MAKING OPERATION
DESERT SHIELD THE OVERNIGHT
SUCCESS THAT STOPPED
SADDAM IN HIS TRACKS.

A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO
IN SAUDI ARABIA, I HAD A
CHANCE TO VISIT WITH SCORES
OF U.S. TROOPS, INCLUDING A

COUPLE OF ARMY ENLISTED MEN
FROM KANSAS. AND I DON'T
NEED TO TELL YOU WHAT AN
INSPIRATION THESE YOUNG MEN
AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM ARE.
I WILL NEVER FORGET MY VISIT
THERE — PLANES LANDING
EVERY TEN MINUTES; THOUSANDS
OF AMERICANS POURING OUT
OF THOSE HUGE TRANSPORT

PLANES TAKING THEIR FIRST
FOOTSTEPS ON SAUDI ARABIAN
SANDS, AND A STATE OF
READINESS THAT IS SECOND TO
NONE. I KNOW ALL OF YOU —
— EVERY ONE OF US WHO HAS
WORN THE UNIFORM, OR
WITNESSED THE HORROR OF
COMBAT —— JOIN ME IN
PRAYING FOR A PEACEFUL

SOLUTION TO THIS MIDDLE
EASTERN CRISIS.

BUT LET'S FACE IT, WITH HIS
INVASION OF KUWAIT, SADDAM
HUSSEIN SOUNDED AN
IMPORTANT WAKE—UP CALL.
EVEN THOUGH THE SOVIET
THREAT MIGHT BE A THING OF
THE PAST, THE WORLD IS STILL
A DANGEROUS AND

UNPREDIDICTABLE PLACE. ON
SATURDAY, THE SENATE
APPROVED THE LARGEST DEFICIT
REDUCTION PACKAGE IN
HISTORY. IT INCLUDED A HUGE
\$180 BILLION DOLLAR CUT IN
DEFENSE SPENDING OVER THE
NEXT FIVE YEARS. BUT THAT
STILL DIDN'T STOP SOME
LIBERALS IN CONGRESS FROM

DEMANDING EVEN MORE
CUTS — THE CROWD THAT
BELIEVES 'CUTTING' DEFENSE
ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH —
'GUTTING' IT WOULD BE EVEN
BETTER. THESE WERE THE SAME
MISGUIDED LIBERALS WHO, JUST
A FEW DAYS BEFORE SADDAM'S
TROOPS ROLLED INTO KUWAIT,
WERE RUNNING AROUND

DECLARING AN END NOT ONLY
TO THE COLD WAR WITH THE
SOVIETS, BUT ALL WAR AND
THREATS OF AGGRESSION;
THEY WERE TELLING AMERICA
WHAT WE NEEDED WAS NOT A
DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE, BUT
A SECOND—RATE DEFENSE.

IN VOTE AFTER VOTE, THAT
MISGUIDED BUNCH SENT OUT

THIS TIMID MESSAGE: AMERICA
WILL DO WHATEVER MUST BE
DONE TO INSURE THE PEACE —
— AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T
COST TOO MUCH; OR ASK FOR
ANY SACRIFICE; OR FACE UP
TO THE WORLD AS IT REALLY IS,
RATHER THAN AS WE WOULD
LIKE IT TO BE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: WITH

ALL THE CHANGES IN THE
WORLD, ONE THING HASN'T
CHANGED. FREEDOM ISN'T **FREE.**

~~CHEAP~~ BUT YOU AND I KNOW:
WHATEVER IT COSTS TO INSURE
FREEDOM FOR OUR CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN, IT IS
WORTH IT.

BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT
IT — IN THIS AGE OF DEFICIT

REDUCTION, WE WILL NO
LONGER HAND THE PENTAGON
A BLANK CHECK. AND FOR
ONCE, DEFENSE SPENDING CUTS
ARE BEING ACCOMPANIED BY
SAVINGS IN OTHER PROGRAMS,
AS WELL.

HAYDEN INTRODUCTION

PRESIDENT BUSH CALLED ME
SATURDAY NIGHT TO EXPRESS
HIS THANKS FOR MY SUPPORT
IN THE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS,
AND HE SAID HE HOPED I
WOULD GET SOME REST AFTER
THE MARATHON BARGAINING
SESSIONS. I HATE TO
DISAPPOINT THE PRESIDENT, BUT

I WOULD MUCH RATHER BE
TRAVELLING AROUND THIS
GREAT STATE OF OURS WITH A
GREAT KANSAN. I'M TALKING
ABOUT GOVERNOR MIKE
HAYDEN.

MIKE HAYDEN IS ONE TOUGH
GUY FROM ONE GREAT,
KANSAS—STYLE FAMILY. THREE
GENERATIONS OF HAYDEN MEN

WENT TO WAR: HIS
GRANDFATHER IN WORLD WAR I,
HIS FATHER IN WORLD WAR II,
AND MIKE IN VIETNAM, WHERE
HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION
AS A RIFLE PLATOON LEADER
AND COMPANY COMMANDER.
HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
EARNED HIM A PLACE IN THE
FORT BENNING OFFICER

CANDIDATE SCHOOL 'HALL OF FAME.'

BORN, RAISED AND EDUCATED
IN KANSAS, MIKE HAYDEN HAS
BEEN SERVING THE PEOPLE OF
OUR STATE FOR THE PAST 18
YEARS. IN 1972, HE WAS
ELECTED TO THE STATE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND
ELEVEN YEARS LATER, HE HAD

WORKED HIS WAY FROM THE
LAST ROW IN THE KANSAS
HOUSE TO THE FRONT SEAT —
— SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.
NOW, MIKE IS JUST A WEEK
AWAY FROM EARNING HIS
SECOND TERM AS OUR STATE'S
CHIEF EXECUTIVE. IF YOU WANT
TO KNOW HOW TO SPELL
LEADERSHIP, IT'S

H—A—Y—D—E—N.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS
A GREAT PLEASURE TO
INTRODUCE 'SOMEONE WE
AGREE WITH' — THE
DISTINGUISHED GOVERNOR OF
THE GREAT STATE OF KANSAS,
THE HONORABLE MIKE HAYDEN.

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