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Of The Life Of

Governor George S. Mickelson 1941-1993

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Our Friends

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The Mickelson Family





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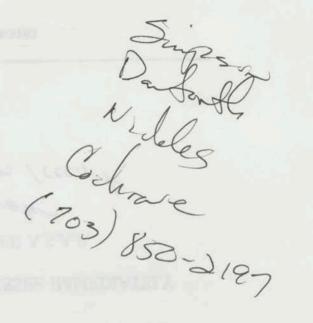
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Friends remember men who died





George Mickelson State's 20th governor



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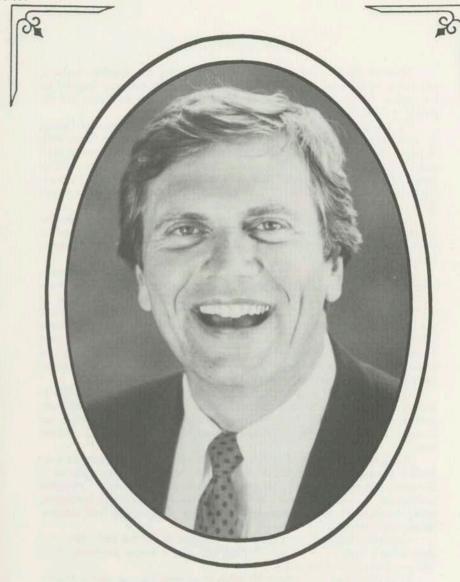
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SENATOR BOB DOLE TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR GEORGE MICKELSON

LINDA, MARK, AMY AND
DAVID; SENATOR PRESSLER;
SENATOR DASCHLE; GOVERNOR
MILLER; HONORED GUESTS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF
GEORGE MICKELSON:

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES ONCE SAID THAT "TO LIVE FULLY IS TO BE ENGAGED IN THE PASSIONS OF ONES TIME."

WE GATHER TODAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A MAN WHO TRULY LIVED LIFE FULLY, BECAUSE FEW PEOPLE WERE MORE INVOLVED IN THE PASSIONS OF OUR TIME THAN GEORGE MICKELSON.

I WAS PRIVILEGED TO TRAVEL **ACROSS THIS GREAT STATE** WITH GEORGE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. AND WE WOULD TALK OF THE MIDWESTERN VALUES, THE COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURE, AND THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY THAT WE SHARED.

BUT WHAT WAS MOST APPARENT IN MY **CONVERSATIONS WITH GEORGE...IN FACT WHAT WAS** MOST APPARENT IN **CONVERSATIONS ANY ONE HAD** WITH GEORGE...WAS HIS COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE...AND HIS COMMITMENT

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TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

AS YOU KNOW, IT WAS A **COMMITMENT THAT WAS** INSTILLED IN GEORGE AT A **VERY YOUNG AGE...AND IT WAS** ONE THAT WOULD REMAIN WITH HIM THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. GEORGE MICKELSON CAME INTO ADULTHOOD WHEN MANY

AMERICANS WERE QUESTIONING
THEIR COUNTRY, AND WHEN
PATRIOTISM WAS NOT VERY
FASHIONABLE.

FOR GEORGE, HOWEVER,

PATRIOTISM WAS NOT A FAD, IT

WAS A WAY OF LIFE. AND FROM

THE JUNGLES OF VIETNAM TO

THE PLAINS OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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GEORGE MICKELSON WOULD NEVER LET AMERICA DOWN. HIS SIX YEARS AS GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A TIME OF **ACTION AND INNOVATION...A** TIME WHERE TAXPAYERS, FARM FAMILIES, SMALL BUSINESS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, AND THOSE WHO DEPEND UPON

RURAL HEALTH CARE, KNEW
THEY HAD AN ALLY IN THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

FOR MOST OF HIS CAREER,
GEORGE WAS A "POLITICIAN."

AND WHILE SOME PEOPLE

FROWN WHEN THEY HEAR THAT

WORD, GEORGE TOOK GREAT

PRIDE IN IT.

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HE TOOK PRIDE BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT POLITICS IS NOT ABOUT MAKING BACK-ROOM DEALS, IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN.

AND THE PEOPLE THAT FILL THIS ROTUNDA TODAY, AND THE SORROW THAT IS FELT ACROSS THE TEST, IS TESTIMONY TO THE DIFFERENCE THAT GEORGE MICKELSON MADE.

IN HIS LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS, HIS ZEST FOR LIFE, AND HIS COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE, GEORGE MICKELSON BRINGS TO MIND **TEDDY ROOSEVELT--ANOTHER** GREAT AMERICAN WHO LOVED SOUTH DAKOTA.

AND PERHAPS THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ALL THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIFE IN THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT, CAN FIND INSPIRATION IN THE ROOSEVELT'S WORDS. AS A YOUNG MAN IN HIS TWENTIES, ROOSEVELT SUFFERED THE DEATH OF HIS

WIFE. AND AT THAT TIME, HE
WROTE IN HIS DIARY THAT "THE
LIGHT WENT FROM HIS LIFE
FOREVER."

TODAY, MUCH OF SOUTH
DAKOTA BELIEVES THAT THE
LIGHT HAS GONE FROM THEIR
LIFE FOREVER.

BUT WE ALL MUST DO WHAT ROOSEVELT DID. WE MUST GO

DIFFERENCE.

WE MUST, AS ROOSEVELT DID, AND AS GEORGE MICKELSON DID, "LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST...ENGAGED IN THE PASSIONS OF OUR TIME."