

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Kerry

RE: Bob Michel Room Dedication

*Audience of about 100 Michel family, friends, and colleagues attending ceremony dedicating a portion of Speaker's office as "Bob Michel Rooms."

*Order of speakers:

- *Congressman LaHood
- *Senator Dole
- *Henry Hyde
- *Gingrich
- *Michel

**THANK YOU. WHEN BOB
ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT LAST
YEAR, I SAID THAT I DIDN'T KNOW IF
THE GOVERNMENT COULD OPERATE
WITHOUT HIM. AND I GUESS TODAY I
WAS FINALLY PROVEN RIGHT.**

**SERIOUSLY, BOB, IT IS A PLEASURE
TO BE HERE WITH YOU, CORRINE,
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TODAY,
FOR THIS OUTSTANDING TRIBUTE.**

**WE HAVE A TRADITION HERE IN THE
CAPITOL OF NAMING ROOMS AFTER
GREAT LEADERS. MY OFFICE SUITE, IS
NAMED FOR MY PREDECESSOR AS
SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER,
HOWARD BAKER.**

**AND JUST DOWN THE HALL FROM
HERE IS THE STROM THURMOND
ROOM, WHICH WAS DEDICATED BACK
DURING THE MCKINLEY
ADMINISTRATION.**

**BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE
WHO DESERVES THIS HONOR MORE
THAN YOU, BOB.**

**BECAUSE JUST AS THERE'S NO
INSTITUTION THAT BOB LOVES MORE
THAN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, THERE IS NO
BUILDING HE LOVES MORE THAN THE
UNITED STATES CAPITOL.**

**YOUR FOURTEEN YEARS AS
REPUBLICAN LEADER, BOB, COINCIDED
WITH SOME OF THE MOST**

REMARKABLE YEARS IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

**THE GREAT ECONOMIC BOOM OF
THE 1980'S...THE COLLAPSE OF THE
BERLIN WALL AND THE IRON
CURTAIN...THE VICTORY IN THE
PERSIAN GULF.**

**EACH OF THESE EVENTS NOT ONLY
OCCURRED DURING BOB'S TIME AS
LEADER, BUT THEY ALSO OCCURRED,
IN PART, BECAUSE OF HIS
LEADERSHIP.**

**AS WE KNOW, HOUSE REPUBLICANS
WERE IN THE MINORITY DURING THE
REAGAN AND BUSH
ADMINISTRATIONS, BUT BOB WAS
ABLE TO UNITE REPUBLICANS AND TO
REACH ACROSS THE PARTY AISLE TO
SUPPORT THE REAGAN AND BUSH
POLICIES THAT MOVED AMERICA AND
THE WORLD FORWARD.**

**BOB AND I SERVED AS LEADERS
TOGETHER FOR TEN YEARS. AND IF
THERE'S ONE THING I LEARNED IN**

**THAT TIME IT WAS THAT BOB
MICHEL'S WORD WAS HIS BOND. IF HE
SAID SOMETHING WOULD GET DONE,
IT GOT DONE.**

**I REMEMBER LAST YEAR A MEDICAL
SOCIETY WAS HOSTING A DINNER IN
HONOR OF ELIZABETH. AND BOB SAID
THAT HE AND CORRINE WOULD BE
THERE. THE NIGHT BEFORE THE
DINNER, BOB WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR
ACCIDENT, AND HAD TO HAVE 40 OR
SO STITCHES.**

**BUT BOB HAD PROMISED TO BE
THERE, SO HE NOT ONLY CAME TO
THE DINNER, HE ALSO SANG AT THE
DINNER.**

**LET ME JUST FINISH BY SHARING A
STORY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN
HOWARD BAKER MOVED INTO THE
SUITE OF OFFICES I NOW OCCUPY.
HOWARD LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW
AT THE PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE
CAPITOL MALL--A VIEW THAT THE BOB
MICHEL ROOMS NOW OFFER--AND HE**

**CALLED UP PRESIDENT REAGAN AND
SAID "MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE THE
BEST VIEW IN WASHINGTON."**

**AND PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID,
"NO, HOWARD, YOU HAVE THE
SECOND BEST VIEW IN WASHINGTON."**

**WELL, EVEN THOUGH THE BOB
MICHEL ROOMS MAY HAVE THE
SECOND BEST VIEW IN WASHINGTON,
THEY WILL ALWAYS BE NAMED AFTER
ONE OF THE BEST PUBLIC SERVANTS
EVER TO SERVE IN CONGRESS.**



The Dedication of the
Robert H. Michel Rooms

Tuesday, the fourteenth of November
Nineteen hundred and ninety-five

5 o'clock p.m.

The United States Capitol
Washington, D.C.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MICHEL ROOMS DEDICATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1995
5 O'CLOCK P.M.
H-230, THE CAPITOL**

- 5:00 Private reception begins in H-230
(Approximately 100 guests including Mr. Michel's family, friends, former Members and the Illinois Delegation.)
- 5:25 Guests assemble in hallway outside of H-230, facing Blankley' office. Press will assemble on risers behind the invited guests.
- 5:30 Newt makes welcoming remarks and introduces Ray LaHood.
- 5:35 Ray LaHood remarks.
- 5:40 Ray LaHood concludes remarks; Newt introduces Bob Dole.
- 5:41 Bob Dole remarks.
- 5:46 Bob Dole concludes remarks.
- 5:47 Newt introduces Henry Hyde. (Mr. Michel asked for Mr. Hyde to speak on behalf of the Illinois delegation even though he isn't the Dean of the delegation.)
- 5:52 Henry Hyde remarks.
- 5:57 Mr. Hyde concludes remarks.
Newt introduces Bob and Corinne Michel and asks Mrs. Michel to pull the curtain (on the right hand side of the drape) to formally dedicate the Robert H. Michel Rooms.
- 5:58 Mr. Michel's remarks.
- 6:05 Newt asks guests to join him at reception in Statuary Hall.

GUEST LIST FOR 5 P.M. RECEPTION

as of 2:50 p.m. 11/14/95

Juanita Braxton
Karen Buttarro

Nick Calio
Robin Carle
Samuel Chilcote (2)

Mike Dineen
Anne Dressendorfer (2)
John Dressendorfer
Ken Duberstein

Frank Fahrenkopf
John Feehery
Willie Fobbs
Dr. James Ford

Bill and Kathy Gavin

Karen Haas
Dorian Hall
Joelle Hall
Kerry Hanley (2)
Tim Harroun
Cong. Frank Horton (2)
Mike House
Cong. Henry Hyde

Mike and Tricia Johnson

David Kehl
Margie Kelly
Walt Kennedy
John Kornacky
Barbara Kostuk
Alan Kranowitz

Cong. Ray LaHood (3)
Ron Lasch

Diane Leisman
Bill Livingood (2)
Jerry Lowrie

Jim McMillan
Bob and Corinne Michel
Laurie Michel
Scott Michel
Jack Mills
Joan Mitchel

Linda Nave
David Norcross
Victoria Norcross

Jane Odum
M.B. Oglesby
Bob Okun
Jim Oliver
Nina Oviedo
Mrs. Dean Owens (2)

Bert Pena
Jay Pierson
Bill Pitts
Evans Plowdon
Cong. John Porter (2)
John Powell
Lee Prouty

Hon. Tom Railsback

Peggy Sampson
Johanna Schneider (2)
Linda Steele

Missi Tessier (2)
Bill Timmons

Ted VanDer Meid (2)
Charlene Vanlier
Paul Vinovich
Ralph and Mary Vinovich

Shelly White (2)

Linda Wilson
Richard Wilson
Miriam Wolf

Sharon Yard
Hon. Clayton Yeutter