

1854. During those 12 years of leadership, there were difficult and challenging times. But Bob Dole's legacy was and is legislative accomplishment, always in Bob Dole style, a unique mixture of principle and compromise when necessary, comity, his great gift of wit and humor and good old Kansas common sense.

In 1968, when Bob first ran for the Senate, his theme song was "Let a Leader Lead the Way." He certainly did. It would be impossible to list all of Bob's legislative achievements, but the Dole Institute at the University of Kansas does provide some highlights. I ask unanimous consent that they be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

1962 Amendment to National School Lunch Act
 1966 Food for Peace Act
 1969 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act
 1970 Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act
 1971 Amendments to Federal Water Pollution Control Act
 1973 Rural Health Care Delivery Improvement Act
 1974 Campaign Finance Reform Legislation
 1977 POW / MIA Vietnam Legislation
 1977 Food Stamp Program
 1979 Taiwan Foreign Relations Act
 1980 Biotech Industry Incentives Act
 1981 Immigration Reform Legislation
 1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act
 1981 Hospice Care Legislation
 1982 Voting Rights Act Extension
 1983 Bipartisan Social Security Act
 1983 Emergency Food Assistance Program
 1983 Martin Luther King Holiday Bill
 1984 Comprehensive Crime Control Act
 1985 Televised Senate Proceedings Resolution
 1985 Landmark Farm Bill
 1986 Tax Reform Act
 1986 Terrorist Prosecution Act
 1987 Homeless Assistance Act
 1988 Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act
 1988 INF Arms Control Treaty
 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act
 1988 Welfare Family Support Act
 1990 Clean Air Act
 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act
 1991 Desert Storm Authorization Resolution
 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement
 1994 Violence Against Women Legislation
 1995 Comprehensive Federal Agency Regulatory Reform Act
 1995 Congressional Accountability Act
 1995 Comprehensive Telecommunications Reform Act
 1995 Lobbying Reform Legislation
 1995 Safe Drinking Water Act
 1995 Medicare Trust Fund Legislation
 1995 Private Securities Legal Reform Act
 1996 Farm Conservation Bill
 1996 Line Item Veto
 1996 Omnibus Appropriations Act
 1996 Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act
 1996 Bipartisan Immigration Control and Financial Responsibility Act
 1996 Bipartisan Anti-Terrorism Legislation

Mr. ROBERTS. These accomplishments were of direct benefit to the daily lives and pocketbooks of Americans and represent many programs and reforms that we now take for granted. Bob is probably most proud of the fact he led the way for disabled Americans, for our Nation's School Lunch Pro-

gram, not to mention the World Food Program where food and education combine as the most effective long-term answer in our current fight against terrorism.

I have special memories and a personal perspective of the Bob Dole days in the Senate when I was in the House. Having the privilege of representing Bob's former congressional district, the big first district of Kansas, knowing Bob Dole since his friendship with my father and later during my service as the administrative assistant both for Bob's predecessor in the Senate, Senator Frank Carlson, and his successor in the House, Congressman Keith Sebelius, many assumed that whatever I was for, Bob was for. I would always emphasize that Bob Dole was riding shotgun with me, whether he was or not. That was like having Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, Doc Holiday, and Matt Dillon all by your side during any kind of legislative shootout. Of course, if we won, I had to come over to the Senate and let him know. If we lost, I came over to ask for help. Either way, when the chips were down, it was a win-win with Bob on your side.

In Kansas, our State society named Dwight David Eisenhower the Kansan of the 20th century, and we are still proud of and still like Ike. Historians have ensconced our native son as one of our greatest Presidents. The fact is that the Eisenhower legacy lives on with Bob Dole. Ike was his hero, and by following his example, Bob has been accurately described as a towering figure and the most enduring Republican leader of the 20th century with a distinguished record of public service that has made a tremendous positive impact on our Nation.

Following his elected public service, Bob has continued to contribute, to lead, and to achieve. I daresay without Bob Dole, the World War II Memorial would not be the centerpiece of the Mall in our Nation's Capital. Most deserving of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, he has been and is an international emissary for peace and freedom and is involved in countless projects and causes. When I go back home to Kansas, Kansans always ask me: What do you hear from Bob? How is he doing? I tell them he is still on the go and doing what he has always done, that we still tow buckets together, and we don't spill very much.

Simply put, Bob Dole continues to be a leader who leads the way. We in Kansas are proud of Bob Dole.

My thanks again to Senator SMITH for reserving this time honoring our native son.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

HONORING SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, it is a privilege to come to the Chamber and speak of Bob Dole and also his distinguished wife, our colleague, ELIZABETH

DOLE, both great public servants. While that is my intention, to speak about them—specifically, Senator Bob Dole—I would like to join all Senators, Democrats who yesterday spoke of Senator BYRD, I know many Republicans did as well. I, not being in town, wanted to take an occasion to salute Senator BYRD for a remarkable career in the Senate. I was touched, however, recently by the recognition given to his wife, who recently passed away, in which Senator BYRD essentially said that this would be a bittersweet day for him in that he now is the record holder for service in the Senate because Erma would not be here to share it with him. I know how much Senator BYRD values the Senate, but I think that comment of his, that reflection, was evidence that he values his marriage and family even more.

As a Republican Senator, I salute Senator BYRD for his remarkably long and distinguished career.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ROBERT DOLE

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I was not in the Chamber 10 years ago when Senator Dole resigned his seat. I was, in fact, on the campaign trail in the midst of an election campaign that he had helped to recruit me to run. I remember watching those proceedings and seeing the bipartisan affection in which Senator Dole was held. I later met him many times on the campaign trail as he pursued the Presidency and was impressed by his courage in the face of very discouraging poll numbers and the high probability that he would not win and how hard he fought for us and others who were running to fill seats in the U.S. Senate. ELIZABETH was at his side, and together they made a tremendous campaign and did honor to our country and to the Republican Party by the way in which they prosecuted a very difficult campaign cycle. It reflected honor upon our country.

It is important that as we celebrate his resignation and his career that ended 10 years ago, we take occasion to reflect on his remarkable accomplishments. He served 27 years in this body, 11 of those as Senate Republican leader. Bob Dole's remarkable record of accomplishment as a Senator is well known. It is not an exaggeration to say that his fingerprints could be found on nearly every major piece of legislation that passed Congress during the 1980s and the first half of 1990s.

It was Bob Dole who reached across party lines to work with Senator George McGovern to create the Food Stamp Program. It was Bob Dole who worked with Senators HARKIN and KENNEDY to bring about the Americans with Disabilities Act. It was Bob Dole who worked with the late Senator Pat Moynihan to save the Social Security Program.

I rise today not just to pay tribute to Bob Dole's legislative accomplishments; rather, I rise on this occasion to

celebrate what he has done in the decade since he left this body. There can be no question that over those 10 years, Bob Dole has continued his lifelong commitment to serving his country, a commitment that began as a young soldier in the hills of Italy during the Second World War. Indeed, for many Americans, Bob Dole is the living symbol of what Tom Brokaw has termed "America's greatest generation," the generation of Americans who saved freedom during World War II. My generation is the beneficiary of Bob Dole's generation, the world we inherited, a world in which America assumed world leadership. My generation has been greatly blessed by patriots such as Bob Dole.

Perhaps Bob Dole's greatest contribution to the past decade was his chairmanship of the National World War II Memorial. Quite simply, that beautiful memorial would not grace our National Mall now had it not been for the persistence and leadership of Bob Dole.

Bob Dole also volunteered for service after the attacks on September 11, when he joined with former President Bill Clinton to serve as cochair of the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund, which assists the educational needs of families of those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United flight 93.

During this time in this Chamber, no Senator spoke more loudly and more eloquently about atrocities occurring around the world—specifically in Bosnia—than did Bob Dole, who raised his voice loudly. He has continued his vigilance by serving as Chairman of the International Commission on Missing Persons, traveling to the Balkans to provide closure to families of those who were victims of the genocide that occurred under Slobodon Milosevic.

In January of 2003, President Bush appointed Bob Dole as honorary Co-chair of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. He has worked to connect countless Americans with service opportunities in communities, schools, and workplaces.

Bob Dole has also continued his commitment to ending the scourge of hunger, working with his former colleague, George McGovern, to advocate the expansion of school breakfast programs in the United States. They have also teamed to promote the expansion of the School Lunch Programs across the world through their Global School Feeding Initiative.

Bob Dole has also devoted a great deal of his time and energy to the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics, which is located at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. The institute is one of America's premier university-based political science and international affairs research institutes, dedicated to reestablishing politics as an honorable profession and to promoting greater student and civic involvement in the democratic process.

Along with all of these activities, Bob Dole is one of America's most pop-

ular public speakers, inspiring audiences with his courage, his humor, his love of America, and always with that trademark wit. He has also authored three books since leaving the Senate—two on political humor, and the most recent, "One Soldier's Story," which tells the remarkable story of his recovery from the wounds he suffered during the Second World War.

Mr. President, Bob Dole has often said that he takes inspiration in the State motto of his beloved Kansas, which is: "To the stars through difficulties." There can be no doubt that Bob Dole reached those stars in serving his country as a soldier and as a public servant. He has proved time and again over the past decade that he continues to reach for the stars as a private citizen.

I know all Senators join me in saluting Bob Dole and thanking him for the positive difference he has made over these past 10 years. Part of that difference was supporting his wife Elizabeth and her campaign to win a seat in the Senate. Together, they are a remarkable American couple and have made a remarkable difference for the betterment of our country and even the world.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Mississippi is recognized.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I thank those who have come to the floor today to help honor our former colleague in the Senate, Bob Dole. I don't know of anyone who has had more of an influence on my career in the Senate than Bob Dole, although Howard Baker, who was the Republican leader when I first arrived in the Senate in 1978, also had a great deal to do with my career here.

I don't know who coined the phrase "compassionate conservative," but Bob Dole was the epitome of a compassionate conservative. His legislative record is replete with examples of his leadership to help ensure the formulation and implementation of policies by our Federal Government that recognized the needs of those who were unable to care for themselves, or were unable to make progress economically, without the assistance of the Government.

He authored the Americans with Disabilities Act and helped lead the way for many Americans by his example of how one can overcome disabilities. My friend Gordon Smith mentioned his authorship of the book "One Soldier's Story." That should be required reading for every American. It was a heartwarming yet heartbreaking account of his experiences in World War II in combat and his long road to recovering from the painful and life-threatening injuries he sustained in battle.

You can also look to examples of when he was a leader in the Agriculture Committee on which I had the good fortune to serve as a new member, at a time when he was one of the true

leaders in formulating agricultural policy for our Nation. He worked easily across the aisle with Herman Talmadge, the chairman of the committee at that time, and with George McGovern, another leader on the committee from South Dakota. They worked together to help craft improvements in the School Lunch Programs and other feeding programs that assist Americans who are unable to provide for their own nutritional needs. Think about that. This was at a time when the Federal Government was pretty well leaving these responsibilities to State and local governments, charitable organizations, and the Nation's schools to formulate their own response to these challenges.

But we became a Nation whose record of support for dealing with these problems has become a model for the world. As a matter of fact, he and George McGovern created a worldwide nutrition assistance program that today makes food and nutrition benefits available to the poorest of the poor in Africa and many other countries throughout the world.

He was a leader in establishing a modern veterans benefit program and ensuring that a cabinet-level position was available to help administer this program to be sure that all veterans, those who had disabilities or those who deserved pensions and other benefits because of their age or experiences in war, would have those benefits and could be a part of our national citizenship in every sense of the word.

I recall very vividly when we elected Bob Dole as our leader in the Senate on the Republican side. He was a master at getting things done, at working out problems, at bringing people together who had disparate views on subjects that we needed to take action on and deal with. He worked hard. He knew everybody's personal interests and disposition. I was amazed at how he could stand before the Senate and stay there until the late hours of the evening, working out the intricacies of a tax reform bill, which he helped craft as chairman of the Finance Committee, in charge of tax policies for our country.

He was a Senator's Senator in every respect, a warm-hearted, humorous, delightful companion, who enriched the lives of all who served with him in the Senate. I suppose the highlight for me in my relationship with Senator Dole was the nominating convention, when he was selected to be the Republican Party candidate for President of the United States. I was very excited about that. It was a wonderful decision. I could not think of anybody who would be better as President of the United States than Bob Dole. I remember the night that the convention nominated him and he walked out on the stage to accept the nomination. It was really quite an event. Also, that night, I recall while they were counting the ballots on the floor, he invited CHUCK GRASSLEY from Iowa, our colleague in the Senate, and me to be with his family up in the suite in the hotel in San

Diego to watch the last votes being counted, and then to proceed into the convention hall to accept the nomination.

Mr. President, we miss Bob Dole's leadership in the Senate. We are delighted, though, the Senate is taking time to recognize the great service that he rendered during his career here.

SENATOR BOB DOLE

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I am in the Dole seat for Kansas. When Senator Dole left, I ran for his seat and was fortunate enough to be elected to that seat. I worked with Senator Dole for many years, when I was secretary of agriculture for Kansas. I first met him when I was Kansas State president of the Junior Farmers of America. I have had a wonderful relationship with Senator Dole. He is an outstanding American, and he is an outstanding Kansan. He deserves tribute.

We in the Senate are certainly blessed and honored each time we have the opportunity to rise on our feet on this floor and address this august body. At this moment, I feel particularly blessed and honored to be able to recognize my predecessor, Senator Robert Joseph Dole.

Today, we rise to mark the decade anniversary of Senator Dole announcing his retirement to this body. On June 11, 1996, Senator Dole, as the Republican nominee for the Presidency, announced that he would resign his seat in the U.S. Senate. And some asked, Why would he retire with 2 full years left in his term and only 6 months left in the campaign? "I thought that was what was best for Kansas." For while he was many things—a legislator, a statesman, a decorated war hero, a leader—Senator Dole believed in his State and he believed in service to his State and he thought this was the best for his State, and that he would run just as a man, an ordinary citizen. It was a tremendous tribute to his service and his believing in the service of this body, that if you couldn't be here full time to do this work, he thought it would be better that he would leave it and bring somebody else in so that he could pursue the Presidency full time.

The motto of our State is "Ad Astra, per Aspera." That is a Latin phrase meaning "to the stars, through difficulty." Perhaps, considering our State's motto, one could consider it also the motto for Bob Dole.

He was born in 1923 in Russell, KS. Bob Dole was a teenager during the worst environmental disaster of my State's history—that was the Dust Bowl. He was 11 years old on April 14, 1935, which was referred to as "Black Sunday." On that day, a wall of dust covered the prairie of western Kansas, turning day into night. Some thought it was the end of the world. During those years, childhood friends of Bob Dole recalled postponing basketball

games in the middle of them, four or five times during the game, just to sweep the piling dust off the floor.

Some fled the dust. Others were withered by it. Bob Dole was formed by it. Years later, he would recount that "growing up on the edge of the Depression-era Dust Bowl, I was taught to put my trust in God and not government, and never to confuse the two." Per Aspera.

As a young man, Bob Dole rose to meet the greatest challenge his great generation would face—World War II. Bob was a second lieutenant in the Army's 10th Mountain Division. He served in the mountains of Italy, where he and his unit faced some of the fiercest and challenging fighting of the war. Bob fought bravely. He was wounded. He fought again. He crawled from the security of his foxhole during intense fighting to assist a critically wounded radio operator, and in the process was shot in the back by a Nazi machine gunner. This time few thought he would survive. Bob Dole was hospitalized for a total of 39 months. He gave up the use of his right arm.

Ad Astra—to the Stars.

For his wounds, Bob was awarded two Purple Hearts. For his valor, Bob Dole was awarded the Bronze Star with an Oak Cluster.

Ad Astra—to the Stars.

Returning to his native Kansas, Bob turned to his family, to his neighbors, and to his friends for support. Later, he remarked: "I was sustained by neighbors, who were anything but stingy with their love and encouragement. I learned then, if I hadn't already known it, that there is no such thing as a wholly self-made man or woman."

He picked up where he left off and earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Washburn University in Topeka, KS. From there, Bob Dole began his political rise to the stars.

Ad Astra.

Bob served in the Kansas State House as the Russell County attorney, and on January 3, 1961, Bina Dole's little boy was sworn into the 87th Congress of the United States. Within a decade, Dole had distinguished himself as a legislator and was sent by his fellow Kansans to serve here in this body.

And here in this Chamber, Bob Dole continued to serve the people of Kansas and this great Nation. He served them as chairman of the Finance Committee. He served them as the minority leader of the Senate. He served them as majority leader. He served them for nearly three decades, until exactly one decade ago today, when he retired.

Today, Bob Dole's service is neither over nor forgotten. Having been recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom—a civilian honor, to match his military honors—he has continued to serve. He served as chairman of the International Commission on Missing Persons in the former Yugoslavia and the National World War II Memorial. He even gets a great deal of constituent casework of people contacting

to ask if he could help out with this or that—and of course he does. He spearheaded the World War II Memorial effort, and what a beautiful memorial to the greatest generation it is.

Also, I believe Bob served as the spokesman for a number of different commercial causes which have continued. And his humor continues unabated as well.

I remember when serving as secretary of agriculture in the State of Kansas that Senator Dole would address a number of farm audiences—sometimes from the back of a pickup truck. He would see a number of members of that audience who would often loosen up their belts and their overalls because they knew they were going to be in for an entertaining speech, a lot of times about 30 minutes or 25 minutes of jokes and one-liners and 5 minutes of politics. They loved it. He loved it. They loved him. He loved them. It was a beautiful symbiotic relationship that Bob Dole had with his State, with my State of Kansas.

He also continues to serve as a trusted adviser and friend to guys like me. I have been honored to be able to serve in his seat. It is difficult to follow somebody of his legendary status and his ability as a legislator, his ability as a leader, and the contribution that he has made to this society, to this Nation, and to this world. Yet we try—and try with his advice.

He is an important American of distinction. He is someone who truly deserves to be recognized. He is one who has touched many lives individually and millions of lives collectively. He is the epitome of the greatest generation, the generation that served the rest of mankind, to be beat off Fascism, Hitler, Communism, and gave us the freest world that we have known.

There are still wars to be fought, still battles to be fought, and we pick up the flag and carry it each and every day, but we owe so much in tribute to legendary leaders such as Bob Dole.

Senator Dole, on behalf of our country and our State, certainly from me personally, I say, thank you and God bless you.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to one of our Senate's finest leaders, Senator Bob Dole.

Ten years ago, after representing his home State of Kansas in the House of Representatives for 8 years and in the Senate for over 27 years, Majority Leader Dole resigned from the Senate. He did so in order to engage fully all of his attentions to his Presidential campaign. The Senate lost one of our greatest leaders that day, but Bob Dole continues to be a national leader to this day.

I traveled with him a great deal during his campaign, and it was a thrill for me. I was given the honor of introducing him at the 1996 Republican Convention—quite a humbling privilege for someone who considers himself far less distinguished than the man I was introducing formally to the Nation as