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BIOGRAPHY

ELIZABETH DOLE has had a remarkable public service career, serving five U.S. Presidents and winning 54 percent of the vote in November 2002 to serve the people of North Carolina in the U.S. Senate. As Senator, ELIZABETH DOLE was focused on growing the economy and creating jobs, strengthening national security and modernizing our military, and improving education and making quality health care more affordable and accessible. ELIZABETH DOLE was committed to making North Carolina—and America—safer, stronger, healthier, and more successful. She served on the Senate Armed Services, Banking, Small Business, Aging, and Agriculture Committees.

ELIZABETH DOLE has been named numerous times by the Gallup poll as one of the world's top ten most admired women. She was the first woman to serve as the departmental head of a branch of the military, the U.S. Coast Guard, when she was Secretary of Transportation.

A native of Salisbury, NC, ELIZABETH DOLE graduated with distinction from Duke University in 1958 and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She earned a degree from Harvard Law School in 1965 and also holds a master's degree in education and government from Harvard.

From 1969 to 1973, ELIZABETH DOLE served as Deputy Assistant to President Nixon for Consumer Affairs, beginning a career of dedication to public safety, for which she received the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service Award in 1989. ELIZABETH DOLE's resume includes 6 years (1973–1979) as a member of the Federal Trade Commission and 2 years (1981–1983) as Assistant to President Reagan for Public Liaison.

In February 1983, ELIZABETH DOLE joined President Reagan's Cabinet as Secretary of Transportation—the first woman to hold that position. During her 4½ years at Transportation, the United States enjoyed the safest period then to date in all three major transportation areas—rail, air, and highway.

ELIZABETH DOLE was sworn in by President Bush as the Nation's 20th Secretary of Labor in January 1989. She

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worked to increase safety and health in the workplace, advocated upgrading the skills of the American workforce, and played a key role in resolving the bitter 11-month Pittston coal strike in southwest Virginia.

ELIZABETH DOLE left President Bush's Cabinet in 1991 to become only the second woman since founder Clara Barton to serve as president of the American Red Cross, an organization larger than many of the Fortune 500. To demonstrate her appreciation for volunteers, the heart and soul of the American Red Cross, ELIZABETH DOLE volunteered her first year at the Red Cross, accepting no salary. During her tenure, 91 cents of every dollar spent went to programs and services.

Representing the American Red Cross internationally, ELIZABETH DOLE visited Kuwait following the Gulf war to assess Red Cross services provided to U.S. military personnel. In December 1992 she visited Red Cross relief operations in famine-stricken Somalia and Mozambique, as well as in war-torn Croatia. In August 1994 ELIZABETH DOLE led a humanitarian relief delegation to Rwandan refugee camps in the former Zaire.

In January 1999 ELIZABETH DOLE concluded her service at the Red Cross and sought the Republican Presidential nomination. In her campaign for President of the United States, ELIZABETH DOLE became the first viable woman candidate from a major political party. She attracted thousands of first-time voters into the democratic process.

ELIZABETH DOLE's awards are numerous, ranging from honors for civic service and leadership in government to accolades for her charitable commitments and dedication to issues surrounding women in the workplace. In 1991 she was honored with the prestigious North Carolina Award from Governor James Martin. She was named "North Carolinian of the Year" by the North Carolina Press Association in 1994. In 1993 Women Executives in State Government honored ELIZABETH DOLE with its Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1998 she received the Humanitarian Award from the National Commission Against Drunk Driving. That same year, ELIZABETH DOLE was selected for induction into the Safety and Health Hall of Fame International for her transportation, workplace, and blood safety accomplishments. In 2006 the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce presented her its "Citizen of the Carolinas" award. In 2007 she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Advocates for Highway

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and Auto Safety. She has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

She has also received the Foreign Policy Association Medal, the Radcliffe College Medal for her outstanding accomplishments, and the Arthur S. Flemming Award for Outstanding Government Service. ELIZABETH DOLE was awarded the National Religious Broadcasters' 1999 Board of Directors Award. In 1995 she received Churchwoman of the Year honors by Religious Heritage of America, and in 1996 the Christian Woman of the Year Association named her Christian Woman of the Year. ELIZABETH DOLE was honored by the League of Women Voters as the recipient of the Leadership Award in 1994, and in 1995 she received the Raoul Wallenberg Award for Humanitarian Service.

ELIZABETH DOLE has received honorary doctorate degrees from over 40 colleges and universities. She served on the Duke University Board of Trustees from 1974 to 1985 and Board of Overseers for Harvard University from 1990 to 1996. While serving on the Board of Overseers she was a member of Visiting Committees of the John F. Kennedy School of Government and Harvard School of Public Health.

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Farewell to the Senate

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, I rise today to speak from the floor of this Chamber for the final time in my service as a U.S. Senator from the State of North Carolina.

As I do, I cannot help but think back some 12½ years ago, when I sat up in the Senate gallery to watch another Senator Dole—my husband, Bob, deliver his farewell speech in this Chamber after nearly three decades of service.

Bob began his remarks by reflecting on words spoken by Abraham Lincoln in 1860, when a delegation arrived in Springfield, IL, to officially inform him that he had been nominated by his party for the Presidency. Lincoln spoke just two sentences, and then he said to the large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered on his lawn, "Now I will no longer defer the pleasure of taking each of you by the hand."

I rise today with a heart full of gratitude, and like President Lincoln, and like Bob Dole, what I wish I could do is to take the hand of all those who have helped me on my life's journey, and to express my heartfelt thanks.

I would begin with the friends in my home State. I have been blessed to serve the public in numerous capacities during my career, and without question the highest honor has been representing North Carolina in the U.S. Senate. I thank my fellow Tar Heels for granting me the privilege of serving them.

Then there are a number of North Carolinians, now gone, who I wish I could take by the hand again to thank them for the example they set, the values they instilled in me, and the love, guidance, and support they provided.

There is my grandmother, Mom Cathey. I can still vividly recall the Sunday afternoons spent with other neighborhood children in her home. We would enjoy lemonade and homemade cookies while Mom Cathey read from her Bible, which is now one of my most cherished possessions. My grandmother practiced what she preached, and she truly lived her life for others.

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My beloved father, John Hanford, always supported my interests, and taught me that anything worth doing deserved my best effort. When I wanted to run for president of my high school, which was not something girls did in those days, he stood right behind me, cheering me on. He was protective but not overbearing.

My precious mother, Mary, who passed away just shy of 103 years old, was also front and center in my life. She taught me at a very young age that the real joy in life is giving back to your community and helping those around you. And she was always there to urge me to go the extra mile. "You've finished your homework early. Have you thought of entering the essay contest?" Unbeknownst to her, Mother's example of hard work and dedication drew me toward public service as my mission field, my passion. She was a constant source of inspiration.

My dear brother, John, 13 years my senior, who passed away earlier this year, was a role model I put on a pedestal. He encouraged me at every turn, providing me with invaluable counsel and infinite support. And there is no finer example of a beautiful, caring heart, a person who lives her faith, than John's wife, Bunny. And speaking of faith, I'm so proud of my two nephews, John Hanford III, currently traveling the world as our U.S. Ambassador at Large for religious freedom and Jody Hanford, 17 years with Campus Crusade for Christ and 15 visits to work in Russia and Ukraine.

I also wish I could thank teachers like Agnes Weant, whose dedication to young people led her outside the classroom on more than one evening to discuss colleges and future opportunities with my parents, and Duke University's Dean Florence Brinkley, who encouraged me to spend a summer in England, studying at Oxford.

Because of the support and encouragement I received from family, friends, and teachers, I ventured to Washington, seeking to be part of something greater than myself. As a young adult, I was incredibly fortunate to encounter several great mentors who offered me direction, opportunity and encouragement.

Mentors such as Bill Cochrane, who was thought of by many as "North Carolina's third Senator." Bill served in the office of North Carolina Democrat Senator B. Everett Jordan, and he was like a one-man personnel office assisting eager young people in finding jobs in Washington.

During the summer of 1960, I worked in Senator Jordan's office. Knowing that firsthand historical experiences are

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much treasured by young people, Bill helped me get a front row ticket to my first national campaign—on board Vice Presidential nominee Lyndon B. Johnson's whistlestop tour of the South. Although my staunchly Republican father was concerned about my riding through the South, especially through Salisbury, my hometown, on LBJ's train, I knew Bill Cochrane was giving me an unmatchable learning experience, and I was right.

And how I wish I could hold out a hand of thanks to a remarkable woman who served in this Chamber for many years—Margaret Chase Smith of Maine. While working for Senator Jordan, I had the gall to request a meeting with Senator Smith. She didn't know me from Adam, but not only did she agree to see me, she devoted an entire hour to sharing her thoughts, and encouraging me to get a law degree so I could bring some additional skills to a public policy job. I took her advice and entered Harvard Law School 2 years later. Senator Smith's example taught me the importance of having an open door for younger people who also see public service as a noble endeavor, and might need a little advice and mentoring along the way.

I was privileged to have the best mentor imaginable in Virginia Knauer, Special Assistant to President Nixon for Consumer Affairs. Virginia, a truly unselfish boss, wanted me to have, as her deputy, every experience that she had—my first testimony before Congress, my first press conference, speeches across America. After working with her for 5 years, Virginia wanted to support my nomination to the Federal Trade Commission. "Oh no, Virginia," I told her when she broached the subject. "I love being your deputy." Virginia replied, "ELIZABETH, you have grown and learned as much as you can in this job. It's time for you to spread your wings." In other words, she nudged me out of the nest. To this day, Virginia, at age 93, remains one of my most cherished friends and I am grateful to President Nixon for my many years at the FTC.

I am indebted to former President Ronald Reagan for asking me to serve as his Secretary of Transportation, and to President George Herbert Walker Bush, for the privilege of serving as Secretary of Labor. And I thank the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross and their army of millions of volunteers for allowing me to serve 8 years as their president.

At each of these positions, I have been fortunate, indeed, to be part of a team of extraordinary, hard-working men and

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women. I thank all those who've shared the mission fields with me over the years, and my special thanks to my very talented and capable Senate staff. These incredible men and women understand what it means to be true servants of the public, to have a passion for what they do. Yes, we've shared a mission field. We've worked hard. We've had some fun along the way. And we made a positive difference for North Carolina and America.

I thank all members of the U.S. Senate. I knew many of you as friends long before becoming your colleague, and you will remain my friends after I depart the Senate. You will surely be in my thoughts and prayers as you steer our country through the challenging times ahead.

Most especially, I thank my incredibly supportive husband, Bob, who is a constant example—and probably for some of you as well—that a leader should have not only a strong backbone, but also a funny bone! From armed service to public service, elected six times by his Republican colleagues to be their leader, Bob's more than a half century of service to our country is a constant inspiration. Because of his leadership, we now have the beautiful memorial to the men and women of World War II. Bob's compassion and caring for his fellow man, exhibited through his actions in both public and private life are, to me, unparalleled. He remains the light of my life. For all that you have done for me, for countless others, and for our country, I thank you, Bob, from the bottom of my heart.

I could never have dreamed of the people I have been privileged to meet, the jobs I have been privileged to hold, or the issues I have been privileged to influence. Perhaps Theodore Roosevelt said it best with these words: "Far and away, the best prize life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." I am so very fortunate to have found that best prize as a servant of the public. And while I don't know what awaits me next in life's journey, I pray that I will find a way to continue to work hard at work worth doing.

Mr. President, may God bless America, and may God bless the U.S. Senate.

I yield the floor.

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Proceedings in the Senate

SATURDAY, *September 27, 2008*

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Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the tributes to retiring Senators that appear in the *Congressional Record* be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit such tributes for inclusion until Friday, November 21, 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WEDNESDAY, *November 19, 2008*

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, when she came to the Senate 6 years ago, ELIZABETH DOLE brought with her a resume that for most would describe a full lifetime of public service and accomplishment. The intellect, principles, and dedication ELIZABETH applied to her earlier endeavors have been readily apparent in the Senate. America has been enriched by all of Senator ELIZABETH DOLE's public service.

Her record of public service is truly inspiring. From the Office of Consumer Affairs and the Federal Trade Commission to the Secretary of Transportation and Labor, she has served five Presidents. Her tenure in each of these positions has been marked by the dedication, effectiveness, and accomplishments that we have seen first hand in the Senate.

Nothing more fully describes ELIZABETH's character than the fact that she left government service only to become the president of the American Red Cross, joining founder Clara Barton as the only woman to hold that position. In the spirit of that great organization, ELIZABETH worked as a volunteer her first year, accepting no salary. Under her leadership, the American Red Cross was a model for charitable organizations, with 91 cents out of every dollar contributed going directly to help those in need.

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ELIZABETH led the American Red Cross by example. Following the Gulf war, she visited Kuwait to assess personally the services provided to our military personnel. She traveled to famine-stricken Somalia and Mozambique and to war-ravaged Croatia. She led a humanitarian relief operation to Rwanda refugee camps. That same commitment, courage, and compassion have been the hallmarks of her work in the Senate.

Those of us who are women also appreciate the many times ELIZABETH DOLE has blazed the path forward for other women. We know she was one of the very first women to attend Harvard Law School. Think how difficult that must have been for a woman raised in the South. Yet she persevered and she excelled and she broke barrier after barrier for other women.

In her campaign for President in 2000, ELIZABETH DOLE had a profound effect. She attracted legions of new voters into the political process. She encouraged women throughout the country and of all political persuasions to step forward and get involved in the campaign and to run for public office themselves. Many of the cracks in the glass ceiling are the work of her hands.

Here in the Senate, I have been privileged to work alongside Senator DOLE as members on the Senate Armed Services Committee. She has been one of our strongest and most eloquent voices for the men and women in uniform, and her commitment to them is inspiring. Her dedication to strengthening our national security and modernizing our military is unsurpassed.

It is certainly no accident that she is married to a man—former Senator Bob Dole—who exemplifies the quiet courage and devotion to duty that are the hallmark of America's armed services and by which both Senator Doles are known.

I know that all in the Senate and throughout our Nation will agree that just a few of the words that best describe ELIZABETH DOLE are "intelligence," "principles," and "commitment." To those, I am proud to add the word "friend." I will miss serving with ELIZABETH DOLE. I wish her all the best in the years to come.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, it is my sad task today to say farewell to our friend, the Senator from North Carolina, ELIZABETH DOLE. It is hard to know where to begin

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with a woman who has done it all and is admired across America.

There is an old saying that all politics is local. That is true even for the Senator from North Carolina, who was the first viable female candidate for President, held two different Cabinet positions, and worked for five Presidents. You see, ELIZABETH's first campaign was for the presidency of her third grade Bird Club. She won that race.

ELIZABETH began impressing many early on as she earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University and both a master's and a law degree from Harvard. Of the 550 members of her Harvard Law class, only 29 were women.

From there, ELIZABETH went to the White House Office of Consumer Affairs, and then the Federal Trade Commission. In 1972, she met a Senator from Kansas when she lobbied him on a consumer-affairs issue.

In 1975, ELIZABETH and Bob Dole were married in Washington Cathedral, creating one of the most prominent and successful partnerships in American public life.

ELIZABETH later headed President Reagan's Public Liaison Office, and then in 1983 became his Secretary of Transportation. She served for 4½ years, longer than any previous Transportation Secretary at that time. And as Transportation Secretary, she was fond of pointing out that she was the first woman to ever head a branch of the armed services: the Coast Guard.

When her husband Bob introduced ELIZABETH at her confirmation hearings, he displayed some of his trademark wit by remarking, "I only regret that I have but one wife to give for my country's infrastructure."

When ELIZABETH had her turn at the microphone, she got him right back. She assured the committee that she knew all about airbags, because she had been driving around with one for years.

In 1989, ELIZABETH became one of the few Americans honored to lead more than one Federal department by becoming the first President Bush's Secretary of Labor. Among the highlights of her tenure there was playing a key role in resolving a bitter 11-month coal strike in southwest Virginia.

I would even go so far as to say that ELIZABETH was the second-best Secretary of Labor this country has ever had.

ELIZABETH went on to become the president of the Red Cross, and revitalized that important institution. And of course, she became a familiar face to all Americans in 1996 when Bob became the Republican nominee for President of

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the United States, and when ELIZABETH blazed yet another trail in 2000 as the first viable female candidate for that same office.

During her time here in the Senate, ELIZABETH used the same desk her husband used. From behind that desk, she has been a powerful advocate for her State and her country.

North Carolinians can be proud of her record to strengthen our military and to support military personnel and veterans. She worked to craft a farm bill to benefit North Carolina agriculture. She has done much to address hunger in America, by championing tax incentives to encourage volunteerism and charitable giving, and through grant programs to benefit food banks and relief organizations.

The "Dole" in the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program may be for her husband, Bob, as the program is named after him and former Senator George McGovern. But it was ELIZABETH DOLE who secured more than $400 million for the McGovern-Dole Program to go toward school-feeding and child-nutrition programs in the world's poorest countries.

Let me take this moment to say, on behalf of my wife Elaine and myself, that ELIZABETH and Bob have been dear friends of ours for many years. In fact, had it not been for ELIZABETH, Elaine probably never would have come to Washington in the first place, therefore I obviously never would have met her, so I feel a special obligation to—and thanks to—Senator DOLE for that. We value their friendship, and I know we will continue to do so for many years to come.

ELIZABETH, I want to thank you for always bringing wisdom, grace, and integrity to this Chamber. Over decades of accomplishments in many prominent posts, you have served the people of America and of North Caroline extremely well.

I know your constituents are proud, and Bob is proud, of your service. Elaine and I wish you both well in whatever the future has in store for you. And we look forward to hearing all about it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina is recognized.

Mrs. DOLE. Madam President, I wish to express my deepest thanks for the very kind words of the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky. I feel very close to this gentleman because we have been very good friends for so many years. Certainly your wife, Elaine Chao, who is doing a tremendous

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job as Secretary of Labor, has been a friend for many years. In fact, we worked together at the Department of Transportation as colleagues and then also when she was president of United Way and I was president of the American Red Cross. So our paths have continued to cross in terms of our professions but also in terms of personal relationships and warmth and friendship.

Mitch, I can't tell you how proud I am of your leadership as the Republican leader, and I am so proud you have been reelected by your colleagues. You do a tremendous job. You are a master of the Senate. Through the years, you and I have had a chance to work together on many issues. Of course, it was my privilege early on—I believe in my first year in the Senate—to visit the University of Louisville and the McConnell Center for Political Leadership and to speak to the McConnell scholars. That is just one of many things you are doing to help others outside the Senate as well as the tremendous work within the Senate.

Just know I treasure your friendship. I look forward to being in close touch and hope there will be many other initiatives on which we can work together, Elaine and Bob and I, in the years to come. Thank you so much for those most kind words wishing me well. I wish you all the very best.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, you just witnessed the classic ELIZABETH DOLE. I came out here to do a tribute to her, and she turned around and did a tribute to me. This is, I would say, indicative of the way Senator DOLE has conducted herself in public life throughout her service. We are going to miss her in the Senate, but I know she will continue to make important contributions to our country.

We revere your legacy and look forward to continuing our friendship in the coming years.

Mrs. DOLE. Thank you so much.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I commend Senator ELIZABETH DOLE for her dedicated work on behalf of North Carolina in the Senate and her decades of service to our Nation. In the Senate she has worked hard to ensure our veterans and servicemembers receive the benefits they have more than earned. I was pleased to have her co-sponsorship and support for my measure allowing servicemembers to terminate cell phone contracts free of penalties.

Senator DOLE has also demonstrated a commitment to solving the most difficult crises in Africa, particularly in

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Zimbabwe and Darfur. We both joined with Senator Clinton and Senator Lugar on legislation to assist Zimbabweans in their efforts to promote democracy and human rights in their country. I also welcomed Senator DOLE's support on a resolution condemning the recent flawed elections in Zimbabwe. Her voice in the Senate on these issues will be missed. I thank her for her service to the Senate and the people of North Carolina, and wish her all the best for the future.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge my colleague from North Carolina, Senator ELIZABETH DOLE, who will be leaving this body after serving the people of North Carolina for the past 6 years.

Senator DOLE and I have had the opportunity to work together on various issues important to the future of our Nation. Senator DOLE has been a strong advocate for the interests of not only her State, but the United States in general.

For example, just recently Senator DOLE and I worked together to pursue a more sustainable energy policy for our country. One of our goals was to transition new vehicles to an alternative source of energy by 2020 and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. This commitment to improving the Nation is what defined Senator DOLE's tenure in the Senate.

Senator DOLE has also been active on agricultural issues. Because both of our States have a strong agricultural sector in our economy, this issue is very important to our constituents. From her time on the Senate Agricultural Committee early in her Senate career through the farm bill recently, Senator DOLE has consistently looked out for the North Carolina farming community and the farming industry itself.

Senator DOLE has had a long career of public service. She served as Secretary of Transportation under President Reagan and Secretary of Labor under President George H.W. Bush. This gave her the distinction of being the first woman to serve in two different Cabinet positions during two different administrations. She also served as the president of the American Red Cross, heading one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world. This list of accomplishments underscores Senator DOLE's commitment to serving the public at large.

Again, I have appreciated the opportunity to work with Senator DOLE and wish her well as she leaves the Senate.

Mr. SPECTER. Senator ELIZABETH DOLE is a colleague leaving the U.S. Senate not in defeat but in the wake of a career dedicated to public service and an unwavering commitment to her country. She has had an illustrious career as a two-time Cabinet member, president of the Red Cross, and U.S. Senator. ELIZABETH is a model for all young women considering a career in government, for in times when the ceiling had but few cracks she bore through the naysayers and showed a woman belongs in the Nation's highest positions.

After graduating from Harvard Law as one of just 29 women in a class of 550, LIDDY went to work in the White House Office of Consumer Affairs where she worked under both Presidents Johnson and Nixon. Pledging her allegiance to her job and duty to the country, Senator DOLE opted to switch parties in order to continue her stay in the White House. After a stint on the Federal Trade Commission, President Reagan appointed ELIZABETH Secretary of Transportation in 1983. She served valiantly in that position for 4½ years, proving her skill at managing a Federal department, and became the Secretary of Labor under President George H.W. Bush. With this position, ELIZABETH became the first woman to hold two different Cabinet positions under two different administrations.

In 1991 ELIZABETH accepted a different challenge becoming the president of the American Red Cross, dedicating her time to building an institution whose impassioned mission is to aid our Nation's citizens who are in need of emergency assistance. During her tenure with the Red Cross, ELIZABETH took a brief hiatus to stand by her husband, Senator Bob Dole, as he represented our party as the nominee for President in 1996. After a hard-fought race ELIZABETH began looking into the idea of running for our Nation's highest office on her own right. This came to fruition in 1999 as she again led the way for women and became the first official female candidate for President. She exhibited toughness and political tact in a race that history had not been very welcoming to women.

In 2001 ELIZABETH's path to the U.S. Senate took her through her birth home of Salisbury, NC. Using her full career serving our Nation as a foundation, ELIZABETH won her seat to the U.S. Senate and immediately made her presence known. Spending her time on the Armed Services, Banking, Small Business, and Aging Committees, ELIZABETH worked

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for North Carolinians with the same passion and dedication she possessed throughout her career. Her achievements were many, but to name a few she successfully opposed potential closings of U.S. military bases, protected delicate wetlands and woodlands in northeastern North Carolina from ruination from an ill-advised Navy landing strip proposal, and also served as the chairwoman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee for the 2004 election cycle.

I wish to thank ELIZABETH for her service, friendship, and for being there for my dear friend Bob throughout the years. Senator DOLE, your contributions to this Chamber and our Nation will forever be remembered.

I yield the floor.

Mr. WARNER. I have known her for quite a few years. We had a wonderful evening last night where the leadership of the Republican Party—indeed, almost all of the members of the Republican caucus—came to say not farewell, but to listen to the words of those of us who are moving on and will not be a part of the next Congress. ELIZABETH got up, and she is such a very forceful speaker. She truly speaks from the heart. She has a remarkable memory. She recalled how when both of us were bachelor and spinster, we danced together. My lovely wife, who is a dear friend of hers, kind of looked at me and I winked and said, "She was the best." It is just one of her marvelous traits. Talk about glass ceilings: She shattered her share. She has taken on many challenges in the private and public sector, some of which only men have ever had, and performed her duties with great distinction, and always with a quiet sense of what we call southern humility. She is very proud of her roots and her family. How often she has referred to her mother.

She is a Phi Beta Kappa from Duke University and went on to Harvard for a master's degree and a law degree. Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Labor. Few women have had that much stamina, conviction, self-confidence to achieve those goals; and then, of course, to have become a U.S. Senator. That was a special challenge because she was fortunate to have as a husband Robert Dole, the Republican leader of the U.S. Senate, if I can say with a deep sense of humility, one of the best friends I ever had in this institution.

I remember talking to him one time, of course, concerning the events of that particular period, and I said he ought to think about running for leader of the Senate. "Oh, no, no. No, I don't think they will ever elect me." Well, this con-

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versation went on for some period of weeks, months, it may have been, I don't recall. Finally, I said, "I have so much faith that you can win that election that I would be happy to appoint myself as one of your managers of the campaign to get it." So I took that, along with several other very fine colleagues, both of whom moved on years ago from this Chamber. And he won. He was amazed that he had won. I wasn't. I always recognized the leadership in him. He did a wonderful job as our Republican leader. His portrait proudly hangs right here in the corridor off of our Chamber. I never walk by that I don't just quietly give him a hand salute, because I was a part of the World War II generation, but a very small part, serving only in the final year of the war and always in a training command, ready as a 17-, 18-year-old kid to become a replacement for those serving abroad. Bob Dole was truly one of those who earned the accolade of the Greatest Generation. He fought in Europe. He was a young lieutenant and in leading his men in the toughest of battles in Italy, he received what for others I think would have been mortal and fatal wounds.

Because he had such an internal strength and constitution, he survived those wounds and came on to have a distinguished career. As I look back on his Senate days—and they pass so quickly, as did my 30 years—I remember taking trips with him. We went to Russia together, which was the Soviet Union at that time. He was a staunch believer that one day Russia would become just Russia once again and those people would have some measure of a voice in their government. That did come to pass, and that was an extraordinary trip.

What I best remember is the time of the D-day anniversary. He was asked to speak in Italy, where he had fought. And then, together, we traveled to the Normandy beaches to join the President and others. In the course of that trip, we went back to the very ground on which he was wounded. He walked over to the stone wall that is still there—he remembers it ever so well—where he dragged his badly wounded body to give him a measure of protection until help could come, after which he began that very long, arduous, challenging period of his life. It took years to rebuild that body, but the mind was always there fully intact. But he would once again have an important role serving America as a public servant in the Senate.

I don't know of a husband and wife team who any admire with a greater level of affection than we do Bob and ELIZABETH DOLE. So I wish them both very well. She was on our

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Armed Services Committee. She was a strong advocate for the men and women in the Armed Forces. She had a place in her heart for all who served at Fort Bragg and the Marines' Camp Lejeune, and Pope Air Force Base. But that is further evidence of the deep affection she has for her husband Bob.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I wish to speak today regarding Senator ELIZABETH DOLE, who will be departing from the U.S. Senate. I have known Senator DOLE well and I am sure I am joined by many of my colleagues in saying that she will be missed.

Senator DOLE has shown her enthusiasm and commitment first hand through her vast contributions over the last 6 years. Her true courage is the powerful force behind her remarkable public service career. Most important, Senator DOLE can conceive and articulate goals that lift people and unite them in the pursuit of objectives worthy of their best efforts.

As we look back on the challenges of our economy, Senator DOLE has become a robust leader in helping our country focus on creating jobs, strengthening national security, improving education, and making quality health care more affordable and accessible. Her initial determination was demonstrated as she graduated from Duke University and Harvard Law School, then entering her public career by serving under multiple U.S. Presidents, including Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Throughout her career, she served as Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Labor, and head of the American Red Cross. She continued her public service by bringing her zeal to the Senate as the first female U.S. Senator from North Carolina.

As a fellow Senator, ELIZABETH displays qualities of a true southern belle. She is a powerful role model. Her efforts to make North Carolina and America safer, stronger, and healthier have not gone unnoticed. Most important, she has played a key role in serving on the Senate Armed Services, Banking, Small Business, and Aging Committees.

Mr. President, I extend my deepest gratitude to Senator DOLE. I can say, without reservation, that she is a dedicated public servant and friend.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order from September 27 regarding tributes to retiring Senators be modified so that Senators be permitted to

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submit such tributes for inclusion in a Senate document until Friday, December 12, 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MONDAY, *December 8, 2008*

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to my distinguished colleague from North Carolina, Senator ELIZABETH DOLE, who will be retiring from the Senate at the conclusion of the 110th Congress.

I have worked with Senator DOLE since she was elected to serve the people of North Carolina in 2002. I have also had the privilege of serving on the Senate Banking Committee with Senator DOLE. She has dedicated her adult life to serve her country proudly. Senator DOLE has had the distinct honor to serve in several capacities such as Deputy Assistant to the Nixon administration for Consumer Affairs, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission, Secretary of Transportation under President Reagan, and Secretary of Labor under President George H.W. Bush. Her heart and character can also be summed up by her work as the president of the American Red Cross and the impact she has had, on not only the lives of Americans, but also those abroad. A person of that caliber will be missed in the Senate.

I am honored to know her and to have worked with her. I would like to thank Senator DOLE for her contributions to the Senate and to the country we both love. I wish her and her family the best in all of their future endeavors.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, four of our most valuable Senators will not return next year and we will miss them.

ELIZABETH DOLE began her career in public service at about the same time I did. We were both in the Nixon White House in 1969, and since then I have enjoyed following and watching and occasionally bumping into her remarkable career. She began that career at a time when women, even if they graduated from Harvard Law School as she did, had very few options. ELIZABETH made her options—in the Cabinet, heading the American Red Cross and pioneering in a Presidential race in 1999. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her, as well as knowing even better Bob Dole during

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these last 6 years. She truly is one of America's most admired women. . . .

FRIDAY, *December 12, 2008*

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, one of the great privileges of my career has been the time I have spent working alongside Senator Bob Dole and his wife, Senator ELIZABETH DOLE. I feel a special kinship to the Doles. Not only are they both dear friends to Elaine and me, but in my position as Republican leader I often think back on Bob's superb stewardship of the office. Bob Dole was in many ways a model and a mentor to me. I was humbled and honored to assume a role that he filled for so long with such dignity and skill. And today I am honored to submit for the *Record* a letter of tribute from my old friend to his remarkable wife at the conclusion of her Senate career.

ELIZABETH DOLE has graced this Chamber in the same way that she has graced every other institution of which she has been a part in a long and distinguished career of public service. We will miss Senator DOLE's kindness, her warmth, and her unyielding belief in the greatness of her country. Senator DOLE is one of the great public servants of our day. It is my great pleasure to ask that this letter from one dear friend to another be printed in the *Record.*

The letter follows.

December 12, 2008.

DEAR MITCH: I wish I could be a Senator again just long enough to speak of Senator ELIZABETH DOLE's accomplishments which have spanned a period of nearly a half century.

ELIZABETH correctly chose to focus her farewell remarks on those who helped and counseled her along the way. She spoke about those who were most important in her life's journey such as her mother, her father, her teachers, co-workers, and her dear brother, John, who passed away on April 8, 2008. John was her mentor, her confidant, and a proud naval officer in World War II. ELIZABETH's speech was all about others rather than herself, which, in itself, says a lot about ELIZABETH as a caring human being.

So in an indirect way, I want to share her many areas of service with all those thinking about their future and the path they will follow. Believe me when I say they will not find a better example than Senator DOLE from North Carolina. Senator DOLE, in many respects, was a pioneer for American women, as many of her early opportunities came before women were in the forefront of public or private sectors of meaningful service activity.

ELIZABETH has never stopped looking for ways to make a difference. It would be impossible to determine the number of good people in North Carolina and across America that ELIZABETH's efforts have had an impact upon, myself included. She assisted me three times in campaigning full time for

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the Presidency, taking a 1-year leave of absence from the Red Cross, but more important were the countless times she assisted me personally because of my disabilities.

Let me recount some of the highlights of Senator DOLE's career so that those who may be looking for a role model may fully understand the differences she has made for others, irregardless of party, race, religion, or status.

PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER AND SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ELIZABETH DOLE

EARLY 1960S: SUMMER JOBS DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL

Office of Senator B. Everett Jordan (D–NC)
United Nations Guide
United Nations Intern Program

1966–1967

Assistant at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare

After completing her master of arts in teaching and her graduation from Harvard Law School, ELIZABETH HANFORD was hired by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Her assignments there included planning the first-ever U.S. Government-sponsored conference on education of the deaf. This conference, which spawned a career-long dedication to the rights of the disabled, was held in Colorado Springs in 1967. During this time, she took cases for indigents, those who could not afford an attorney.

1967–1968

Deputy Assistant for Legislative Affairs, White House Office of Consumer Affairs

In April 1968, ELIZABETH HANFORD joined the Lyndon Johnson administration at the White House Office of Consumer Affairs, working for Betty Furness. As Deputy Assistant for Legislative Affairs, she traveled frequently to Capitol Hill to advocate for policies protecting American consumers.

1969–1973: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER INTERESTS

Upon taking office in January 1969, President Richard Nixon renamed the White House Office of Consumer Affairs the President's Committee on Consumer Interests. Virginia Knauer was appointed Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs and promoted ELIZABETH HANFORD to serve as her deputy. HANFORD would serve with Knauer for 5 years as a tireless advocate for American consumers, developing consumer education curriculum for America's schools, reaching voluntary agreements with industry to undertake nutritional labeling and unit pricing, and helping to create the Consumer Information Center in Pueblo, CO. They were guided by the philosophy that for consumers to make wise decisions, they must have access to all relevant information.

1973–1979: COMMISSIONER, UNITED STATES FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

In 1973, ELIZABETH HANFORD was nominated by President Richard Nixon and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a member of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. Established in 1915, the Federal Trade Commission's duties include promoting fair competition through the enforcement of anti-

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trust laws, preventing the dissemination of false and deceptive advertising of goods, and investigating unfair business practices.

Seeing the commission as an opportunity to bring about lower prices for consumers, to ensure better quality goods and services, and to expand the choices available in a free, competitive marketplace, Commissioner HANFORD's (married Senator Bob Dole in 1975) priorities included consumer protections for women and the elderly. She held seminars for women in business, and as the FTC enforced the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, worked with women in radio and TV on ads explaining how women, for the first time, could get credit in their own name. DOLE's work also included a comprehensive investigation of nursing homes and a number of antitrust and consumer protection investigations and enforcement actions.

1981–1983: ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

In January 1981, President Ronald Reagan named DOLE Assistant to the President, to head the White House Office of Public Liaison. In that position, DOLE played a key role in advancing the Reagan agenda to a wide number of constituent groups (for example, women, business, labor, religious communities, Hispanics and other ethnic organizations) and to the American people. DOLE was instrumental in the passage of the Prompt Pay Act of 1982, which required the government to pay vendors on time or pay an interest penalty.

DOLE also headed the White House Coordinating Council on Women, charged with reviewing government regulations to eliminate vestiges of discrimination, thereby increasing opportunities for women in government and in the country at large. The Council advocated legislation that would make it easier for women to collect court-ordered child support payments, and to equalize Social Security benefits for widows and widowers.

1983–1987: SECRETARY, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

In 1983, President Reagan nominated DOLE to serve as Secretary of Transportation—the first woman in history to lead that Cabinet department. The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed her.

DOLE's many accomplishments as Secretary of Transportation included:

Presiding over what, up to date, were the safest years in the history of American transportation—highways, railways, and airlines.

Initiating widespread efforts to eliminate drunk driving, particularly among the Nation's youth. These efforts led to the passage of legislation raising the drinking age to 21 to eliminate "blood borders" between States with differing age requirements.

Instituting random drug testing of safety and security-related employees—the first civilian department to do so.

Crafting a rule that resolved a 20-year controversy over automatic crash protection in cars. This rule totally changed the climate for auto safety in America, leading to the adoption of mandatory safety belt use laws in 49 American States and providing incentives for auto manufacturers to develop, test, and offer air bags in automobiles.

Mandating high-mounted brake lights on cars. These "Dole lights" cost less than $20 per vehicle, and have been estimated to eliminate 900,000 crashes annually.

Implementing rules that improved safety in aircraft cabins by making aircraft seats less flammable, improving aircraft cabin evacuation with low-level lights, and reducing the danger of fire in aircraft lavatories.

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Leading successful effort to pass legislation authorizing the transfer of two federally owned airports, Washington National and Dulles, to a regional authority, accomplishing a de-federalization move that had been proposed eight times since 1948 and had never been voted out of committee in either the House or the Senate. The new Reagan National Airport and doubling the size of Dulles International were thereby accomplished through revenue bonds, not Federal taxpayer dollars.

Leading effort for the reopening and redevelopment of Washington, DC's Union Station, which had been closed for over 5 years. Historic Union Station reopened in 1988, and now houses dozens of shops, restaurants, and theaters, while also serving as a major transportation center.

Selling government's freight railroad, Conrail, in the largest public offering of its kind to that date.

Overseeing a 10-percent increase in the number of women in the Department of Transportation workforce, which had only 19 percent women in its 100,000 workforce when ELIZABETH became Secretary.

A 10-point initiative including rotational assignments and career development programs to assist talented women in moving up the ladder.

First woman to serve as departmental head of a branch of the Armed Forces, U.S. Coast Guard.

1989–90: SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

In January 1981, President George H.W. Bush nominated and the Senate unanimously confirmed DOLE to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor—the first woman in history to serve in the Cabinet of two Presidents.

DOLE's priorities and accomplishments as Secretary of Labor included the following:

Improving the skills of individuals entering the American workforce. This focus included the appointment of a blue-ribbon commission charged with developing national competency guidelines that reflected work readiness and which could be used by the schools for curriculum development; sponsorship of a first-ever national conference on the "school-to-work" population; expansion of work-based training along the principles of apprenticeship; and ensuring that the Job Training Partnership Act provided basic skills, literacy, and remedial education along with job training.

Instigating a "glass ceiling initiative," which revealed the barriers preventing women and minorities from reaching the top levels of corporate America.

Traveling twice to Poland to assist that country in its transition from communism to democracy. DOL programs included the creation of construction training centers in Warsaw and Gdansk.

Crafting a strategy that led to the successful conclusion of a bitter 11-month United Mine Workers strike against the Pittston Coal Company. ELIZABETH visited the strike scene and traveled through a coal mine.

Special focus on improving lives of youth at risk in our society.

1991–99; PRESIDENT, AMERICAN RED CROSS

(The first woman president since Clara Barton, who founded the Red Cross in 1881; Out of respect for the thousands of volunteers, she served her first year without pay.)

During her 8 years at the helm of the American Red Cross, DOLE led a $287 million project that totally modernized and transformed the Red Cross blood operations begun in World War II. "Blood Transformation" integrated

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28 different computer systems into a single centralized network; replaced 53 non-standardized testing facilities with 8 state-of-the-art labs to test for infectious diseases; standardized manufacturing processes across each of its 38 blood regions; and established a Quality Assurance Program that became a model for the blood banking industry.

DOLE also led a massive 4-year revitalization of Red Cross disaster relief services, establishing a National Disaster Operations Center open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to monitor ongoing disasters and impending threats; increasing to 21,000 the number of those trained to handle national catastrophic disasters; and warehousing equipment in areas likely to get hardest hit.

DOLE restructured and strengthened Armed Forces Emergency Services, which provided an average of 4,000 emergency communications a day and other assistance to members of the Armed Forces and their families. Her 3-year modernization of AFES included the establishment of two centralized Case Management Centers utilizing the latest technology to replace 145 stations on military installations.

For the first time in its history, Red Cross chapters had to defend their charters, meeting high standards. Henceforth, they were required to meet those high standards every 5 years in order to keep their charters.

A 10-point initiative to help qualified women and minorities move up the ladder, such as apprentices assigned to all senior managers.

Throughout her tenure, DOLE ensured that 91 cents of every dollar donated to the American Red Cross was spent on programs and services.

DOLE led humanitarian visits to disaster sites and war zones around the world, e.g., Kuwait; Somalia; Goma, Congo.

2003–2009; UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

In November 2002, DOLE was elected by the voters of North Carolina to serve in the U.S. Senate. Upon taking office in January 2003, DOLE became the first woman in history to represent North Carolina in the Senate.

In her 6 years in the Senate, DOLE's accomplishments included:

Leading a successful effort to protect North Carolina's military bases from closure and adding additional jobs, for example, 9,000 at Fort Bragg.

Working to ensure a fair process that resulted in the basing of two FA–18EF Squadrons at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, which brings more than 1,200 jobs and an annual infusion of $40 million to the local economy.

Securing nearly $4 billion in funding for rural North Carolina and preventing thousands of farm families from bankruptcy by achieving a tobacco quota buyout with no tax implications.

Leading a bipartisan effort to extend family and medical leave coverage to military families.

Successfully working for a law that protects service members and their families from predatory lenders.

Successfully advocating since 2003 for a strong world class regulator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Securing $57 million for hiring customs agents focused solely on keeping illegal textiles out of the country.

Securing $350 million in Federal funding for North Carolina transportation infrastructure projects.

Authoring legislation that provided increased grant funding to community colleges through the Higher Education Act.

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Working with Federal officials and sheriffs across North Carolina's 100 counties to deliver the first in the Nation statewide partnership to apprehend, identify, and remove undocumented aliens who commit crimes.

Helping to lead the effort to raise fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks in the 2007 energy bill to 35 miles per gallon by model year 2020, thereby saving 800,000 barrels of oil per day in 2020 and nearly 1 million barrels per day by 2021.

Becoming a national leader in the fight against hunger, through the adoption of a farm bill that expanded funding for Federal anti-hunger programs, and helping to secure more than $400 million for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

Convincing the Office of National Drug Control Policy to designate five counties in North Carolina as part of its High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program.

Helping to lead the effort to reauthorize the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief at $48 billion, and $9 billion for prevention of malaria and tuberculosis, thereby preventing 12 million new HIV infections, treating 3 million people living with HIV/AIDS, and supporting care for 12 million people living with HIV/AIDS.

Handling 40,000 cases for North Carolina constituents who needed assistance with a Federal agency.

These are just the highlights and while she did not always reach her goals, most of her life has been filled with successes because of her hard work, her faith, integrity, and determination. Mitch, I'm proud of her record, as you are of Elaine's remarkable achievements, which included their work together at the Department of Transportation. I believe those who read this will be inspired to set higher goals for themselves and will accomplish a great deal more in their lifetimes.

God Bless America,

BOB.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, the final gavel will soon bring to a close the 110th Session of Congress. When it does, we will all return home to spend time with our friends and families to celebrate the holidays. We will also have a chance to meet with our constituents as we prepare for the challenges the New Year, a new administration and a new session of Congress will bring.

Before all of that occurs, we will say goodbye to several of our colleagues who will be returning home at the end of the year. We will miss them and the important presence they have been in our lives and our work over the past few years. One Senator I know we will all miss is ELIZABETH DOLE, the Senator from North Carolina.

It's that time of year when we will be watching our traditional holiday film favorites and one that certainly brings ELIZABETH DOLE to mind is "It's A Wonderful Life." I don't think anyone has had a more exciting or interesting career than ELIZABETH and certainly no one has a more impressive or detailed resume than she does.

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ELIZABETH has been a trailblazer throughout her life as she set out on a path to show others what was possible. Thanks to her, women of all ages across the country have a role model and a champion to look up to who has raised their sights as to what is possible for them to achieve in their lives.

Looking back, ELIZABETH has been on the front lines of our national political scene for many years. She has broken quite a few glass ceilings, too, as she has taken a position of leadership and worked in the administrations of five Presidents. In the recent past she was often mentioned as someone who would make a good Presidential candidate herself.

ELIZABETH really has lived a wonderful life. After her graduation from Harvard Law School she was asked to serve as a consumer affairs aide to President Lyndon Johnson. She then served under President Nixon, President Ford, and President Reagan, who asked her to join his administration.*

ELIZABETH set another precedent when she was appointed to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation. She was the first woman ever to serve in that post. It was another opportunity for her to make a difference and she got right to work. She increased automobile safety requirements, worked to raise the drinking age to 21, imposed tougher security measures at our airports, and helped to make our cars safer. All of these changes not only made our lives better, but they also helped to save countless lives over the years.

President George Herbert Walker Bush then asked her to serve as his Secretary of Labor, a post that ELIZABETH would use to help identify and erase the barriers that were preventing women and minorities from moving up the corporate ladder. She saw her service as an important opportunity to change things and make life better for others, and once again, she succeeded.

That would have been enough for most people, the end of a remarkable career, a wonderful life in itself, but ELIZABETH was just getting started. When she left public life and entered the private sector, she then took up the reins as the president of the American Red Cross. She was the first woman to hold the post since Clara Barton, the organization's founder, held it in 1881. It was a difficult job and a tremendous challenge, but she was more than up to the task. ELIZABETH took over a Red Cross in real financial trouble,

* NOTE.—She also served under President George H.W. Bush.

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but when she got through organizing and overhauling things, a large deficit turned into enough cash on hand to provide the kind of assistance the Red Cross is known for in the event of any local or national emergency.

ELIZABETH is probably one of Duke University's best known graduates. Her North Carolina roots then brought her back home to make a run for the Senate. As she campaigned, the people listened to her and they liked what they heard. They decided that sending her to Washington to represent them would be a good idea. The record shows they were right.

In the Senate, ELIZABETH has been at the forefront of efforts to ensure that our workers will have the training they will need to change careers and move on to better jobs in the current global economy. She had the insight to propose legislation to provide grants to small business owners so they could get the training they would need to be more competitive in the markets of today.

On the Banking Committee, ELIZABETH has been at the center of the action on the Nation's financial problems. She has played an important role in the effort to enact tougher regulations to stop predatory lending and place tighter controls on government-sponsored mortgages.

Clearly, ELIZABETH has compiled a long list of achievements and accomplishments in her life that would make anyone proud. She has received a number of awards and recognitions for her tremendous efforts as a national political figure. But what is probably most important to her is the fact that she has blazed a trail for others to follow and by so doing she has inspired a new generation of women of all ages to set a higher standard for themselves and what they think is possible for them to achieve. In the end, that may be her greatest accomplishment of them all.

This is only a small part of ELIZABETH's story, and there are many more items on her record that are equally impressive. Together with her husband, Bob Dole, she has been part of a remarkable team and they have had a profound influence on the Senate and the Nation on every level.

Diana and I will miss seeing ELIZABETH here in the Senate, but I have a hunch she will be close by to keep an eye on us and to keep in touch. She has had a remarkable career and a wonderful life, and we were very proud to be a part of it. We enjoy her company, her unique style, and most of all, we enjoy her friendship. We don't know what her next adventure in her life will be, but we will be watching with

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great interest as this exciting chapter comes to a close and she begins to write the next.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my longtime good friend and colleague who, as one of 16 women Senators in the 110th Congress, has been a tremendous and cherished compatriot and an outstanding legislator, leader, and public servant.

This Chamber was truly fortunate and blessed to have someone of ELIZABETH's background, understanding, and stature. A veteran of five administrations, Senator DOLE, upon her arrival in the U.S. Senate in 2002, brought with her an impressive depth and breadth of experience even by Senate standards, and a grace befitting her southern heritage combined with a tireless commitment to uncompromising substance.

Having acquired both a masters and law degree from Harvard University, Senator DOLE put the rigors of academia to good use in the pursuit of public service. She worked as a consumer affairs aide to both President Johnson and President Nixon and as a member of the Federal Trade Commission under President Ford. And as a Member of Congress, I well recall ELIZABETH in her role as assistant for public liaison in the Reagan Administration—where she served while I was in the U.S. House of Representatives. She broke new ground as the first woman to serve as U.S. Secretary of Transportation—a post she held under President Reagan, and then as Secretary of Labor under President George H.W. Bush.

After ending her stellar executive branch tenure, Senator DOLE assumed the helm of the American Red Cross in 1991. And who could forget her valiant run in 1999 for the White House. As ranking member on the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I had the privilege of not only serving with Senator DOLE, but also collaborating with her on issues affecting women in small business. Together, we saw an untapped capacity that women business owners clearly possess to contribute to this economy—and we have worked tirelessly to remove unacceptable and regrettable impediments to receiving assistance and contracting opportunities from the Federal Government.

In fact, we introduced legislation which would amend the Small Business Act to allow women-owned small businesses to have a meaningful contracting program—one that would apply to a broad array of business industries across this Nation; and prevent the SBA from requiring agencies to admit

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to past discrimination in order to participate in the women's Federal contracting program. The fact is, our government is supposed to work for the people, not against them. Senator DOLE understood that basic tenet first hand, as it impacted women business owners, and was instrumental in championing our opposition to an egregious SBA rule.

I say to ELIZABETH, all of us in the Senate are going to miss her presence and contributions to this venerable Chamber—but as she is well aware, there are 15 of us who are losing more than a friend and a colleague . . . but also a compatriot . . . and, yes, a kind of sister-in-arms. We all have the sense of a bond born of serving together in this institution as a minority of our own. I recall having our dinners first at the Sewall-Belmont House, then the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and the last one we came full circle by dining in the U.S. Capitol. ELIZABETH will certainly be missed.

Last, on a very personal note, I don't think many of us will get completely used to a U.S. Senate without a Dole—and what an incalculable personal and combined service both ELIZABETH DOLE and our esteemed and beloved former majority leader, Bob Dole, have rendered to our country. So on this occasion, as we celebrate the exceptional contributions of ELIZABETH DOLE in the Senate and throughout her life, our warmest regards go out to her and leader Dole, and we wish them both nothing but the best for the future.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the *Record* an article about Senator ELIZABETH DOLE, who will be departing the Senate this year. She has been my seatmate, and, I must say, she is my favorite in the entire Senate. A brilliant thinker, an incredibly hard worker, gracious, a person of sincere faith who lives it every day, she has lifted the Senate to a higher level throughout her tenure and through many difficult times. Her record of service, as Paul Weyrich notes, is truly extraordinary. Throughout her long and distinguished career, her commitment to America has never been questioned. Her decency, experience, and leadership qualities have blessed us all. She grew up in small town North Carolina and the values instilled in her by family, church, and school were never lost. I wish her every success in her future endeavors and am confident that in this next stage of her life she will continue to contribute to the betterment of our Nation.

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[From the *Townhall.com.*, December 11, 2008]

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

(By Paul Weyrich)

A good lady is about to leave Washington, D.C. after decades of public service. I refer to Senator ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE (R–NC), who was defeated in her bid for reelection in the 2008 election. DOLE married Senator Robert J. "Bob" Dole in 1975. President Gerald R. Ford named him his running mate after dumping the unpopular Vice President, Nelson A. Rockefeller. Dole was Majority Leader of the Senate from 1985 to 1987, when Democrats regained control of the Senate and he became Minority Leader. Dole remained the leader of the Senate Republicans until he resigned his post to be the GOP Presidential nominee in 1996.

All this time ELIZABETH DOLE was at his side. But she became an important figure in her own right. When Ronald W. Reagan was elected President in 1980 DOLE became Reagan's liaison to conservatives, veterans and others. Soon Reagan named her Secretary of Transportation. By all accounts she did an admirable job. In the Administration of George H.W. Bush, DOLE became Secretary of Labor. She and Bob Dole became a power couple in D.C.

When Senator Jesse Helms (R–NC) retired after 40 years in the Senate, ELIZABETH DOLE ran for his seat. He campaigned for her. She suggested she would vote like Helms and indeed she did. However, some North Carolinians suggested that her constituent services left much to be desired. And by all accounts she ran an inadequate reelection campaign.

I watched with sadness as she questioned automobile manufacturers in the lame duck session of Congress. Soon she will have to pack up her office and head home. Her husband is now all but retired. This once-powerful couple is out of power. DOLE is gracious about her loss. One would hardly know she had been defeated. Yet she leaves Washington having accomplished much in her service in the White House, the Transportation and Labor Departments and the United States Senate. This is one fine lady, the likes of whom we probably will not see in this town for many years.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, even before she came to the U.S. Senate, ELIZABETH DOLE was already a trailblazer and one of the most accomplished women in American history.

At a time when women who attended prestigious colleges and universities were rare, Senator DOLE received an undergraduate degree from Duke University, as well as two degrees from Harvard University: a master's degree in education and government, and a law degree. She was one of only 29 women in her Harvard Law School class of 550.

She then began a public service career that paved the way for millions of women who have admired and followed her.

After serving as the Deputy Director of the White House Office of Consumer Affairs in the Nixon administration, ELIZABETH DOLE was appointed as a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

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From 1981 to 1983, she served in the Reagan administration as Assistant to the President for Public Liaison.

From 1983 to 1987, she served as Secretary of Transportation, the first woman to hold that position.

She joined the administration of President George H.W. Bush as Secretary of Labor from 1989 to 1990.

From 1991 to 1998, ELIZABETH DOLE was the President of the American Red Cross, the world's largest humanitarian organization.

Finally, in 2002, she won election to the U.S. Senate from North Carolina.

As the senior Senator from the Tar Heel State, ELIZABETH DOLE has fought for lower taxes, choice in Social Security, and comprehensive energy reform.

Senator DOLE, and her wonderful husband, former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, have made a tremendous impact on American history.

I will miss working with Senator ELIZABETH DOLE, and I wish her all the best.

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