

Markey National Courts Building. Judge Howard Markey presided on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from 1982 until he stepped down as chief judge in 1990. He also served as judge and chief judge of the former Court of Customs and Patent Appeals.

Judge Markey has been a leader in the Federal judiciary from the time of his initial appointment in 1972. He had a profound impact upon our legal system by leading the movement in the creation of the Federal circuit. As the Federal circuit's first chief judge, Judge Markey raised the court's stature to the world's most respected court on matters of intellectual property, international trade, governmental obligations to citizens, and public sector personnel law. This is a fitting tribute to this esteemed jurist. I support the bill, and I urge my colleagues to join in this support.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I do not know Judge Markey, I know of his record and the great distinguished service that has been brought forward, but I know the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE]. I know that the gentleman from Illinois made this recommendation, the gentleman from Illinois believes that he is a great man, and I am sure he is and most deserving. I just want to join forces today here from our side of the aisle to support the recommendation of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], the distinguished chairman. I want to thank the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM], the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER] and the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. OBERSTAR] for having allowed that opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. CAMPBELL].

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand as a matter of family pride in behalf of this resolution for my friend Judge Howard Markey. I say family for two reasons. First of all, my father was chief judge of the Federal court in Chicago and on many occasions served with Judge Markey by designation on the seventh circuit. It was my father, Judge William Campbell who first introduced me to Judge Markey. My father passed away just a few weeks before I was elected to Congress, but I think he is smiling in heaven to know that his son today is paying tribute to his friend, our family friend, Howard Markey.

It is a family honor as well because of the man I consider as close as a brother, Joseph Morris of Chicago, who with his wife Kathleen, are with us in the gallery today for the purpose of

watching this honor given to Howard Markey. It is Mr. Morris who reminded me that though Judge Markey is now confined most of the time to a nursing home in Chicago, he still comes downtown to teach class at John Marshall Law School once a week so that his students will have the benefit of his encyclopedic, insightful knowledge of intellectual property law.

It is a matter of professional pride as well as family pride that I rise to add my words to those of my colleagues in this worthy designation, because Howard Markey is an academic without equal in the field of intellectual property. As a professor of law at Stanford University, I recognize an academic colleague in Howard Markey whose knowledge and influence in making intellectual property law consistent with free-market economics is second to none.

Last, as a native son of Chicago, I rise with tremendous pride to see how well another son of Chicago has done, bringing the wisdom of the prairie to the Capital of the United States, something that some of us can only aspire to do—and that via detour through California.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I join Mr. KIM in supporting H.R. 824, a bill to designate the National Courts Building here in Washington in honor of Judge Howard Markey.

Judge Markey was the first active judge to have sat with every Federal Court of Appeals. He participated in over 1,400 cases and wrote more than 250 opinions for the regional courts and over 800 opinions for the Court of Customs. He is a World War II and Korean war veteran and his biography is filled with numerous honors and distinctions. It is most fitting to honor Judge Markey in this manner.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 824.

The question was taken.

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 824.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ROBERT J. DOLE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1000) to designate the U.S. courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, KS, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1000

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF ROBERT J. DOLE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE.

The United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, shall be known and designated as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM].

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1000 designates the U.S. courthouse in Kansas City, KS, as the Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse.

Senator Dole has served and continues to serve his country in many ways. He is an honorable leader and a respected statesman who will long be considered one of the most powerful Senators and brilliant legislators of our times.

He was raised in the small town of Russell, KS, and though he gained national prominence, he remained a faithful advocate for the State of Kansas. Senator Dole attended the University of Kansas and Washburn University, but left to join the U.S. Army in World War II. During his tour of duty, he was severely wounded, permanently hindering his right arm. Upon leaving the military, he returned to school and earned his college and law degrees, graduating magna cum laude.

In 1950, Senator Dole began his political career by his election to the Kansas State legislature. Following his term in the State house, he became the prosecuting attorney of Russell County from 1953 until he successfully bid for a seat in the United States House of Representatives in 1960. In 1968 Senator Dole successfully won a term in the U.S. Senate. Early in his tenure, he was recognized for his organizational skills by being selected as national chairman of the Republican Party. Senator Dole became the majority leader of the Senate in 1985, and served as majority and minority leader in the Senate from that time until his resignation in April 1996. Senator Dole holds a place of distinction as the longest serving Republican majority leader.

He earned national acclaim for his leadership on behalf of the disadvantaged, Americans with disabilities, tax reform and military veterans, and for his mastery of foreign affairs.

Senator Dole now presides as the chairman of the Commission on the World War II Memorial, and is leading the effort to raise \$100 million to construct the memorial on the mall.

The naming of this U.S. courthouse is a fitting tribute to Senator Dole. He played an instrumental role in maintaining its location in downtown Kansas City.

I am honored to bring this measure to the floor. It is a fine tribute to a distinguished public servant who has given so much of his life in service to his country. I support the measure, and urge my colleagues to join me in this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I join the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM], the chairman, and all of those speaking on behalf of the truly distinguished service record of a former Senator, and although Senator Dole's duties required him to have a national focus, he never forgot the people of his hometown and never forgot the people of his home State of Kansas. He continually worked on their behalf, he listened to their concerns on issues such as farm prices, safe roads, economic development, schools, and the safety of their children. I think that is what distinguished his career. He never lost sight of where he had come from and who he was. As all have stated, his career is filled with these lasting contributions and certainly great success. It is fitting to honor Senator Dole by designating the U.S. courthouse in Kansas as the Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse. I am honored to be a participant in that.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. SNOWBARGER].

Mr. SNOWBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM], the subcommittee chairman, and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT], the ranking member, for their effort in bringing this bill to the floor. Additionally I would like to recognize the work and solidarity of the congressional delegation from Kansas. The gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT], the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. MORAN], and the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. RYUN] are cosponsors of H.R. 2177, which is the companion bill to S. 1000.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor for me to stand before this body today and pay tribute to a great Kansan, a dedi-

cated patriot, and one of our Nation's most honorable statesmen, a man who has committed his life to this country.

As we all know by now, Bob Dole was born in the small town of Russell, KS. It was there that he learned from example the importance of hard work and the value of integrity. These lessons were sacred, they have never been neglected, and they remain uncompromised.

When World War II broke out, Bob Dole enlisted in the Army and put his life on the line to fight for his country. He led a platoon of the legendary 10th Mountain Division in Italy, and was severely wounded by shrapnel from enemy fire. His injuries were so severe that several times during his 4-year struggle to recover, his family was told he might not live. His ability to overcome the injuries sustained on the battlefield is testimony to his heroic will and the power of perseverance.

Bob Dole came home and served the town of Russell and our State of Kansas as an elected representative in the statehouse. In 1960 he was elected to the U.S. Congress and served honorably in this body until 1968 when then Congressman Dole became Senator Dole. In his 36 years of public service in Washington, Bob Dole commanded the highest respect of his colleagues. He earned the appreciation of his country by forging common ground on which progress could be made. President Clinton honored him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his significant contributions to this Nation.

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Bob Dole has dedicated himself to moving this country forward. In every undertaking Senator Dole exhibited passion that shaped leaders and inspired others to follow and, more importantly, to trust. This trust is the greatest compliment that we pay to an individual, and it is the trademark of Bob Dole's public life. Bob Dole showed us what it means to lead by integrity built on principle. In the sound bite pace of this modern era we seem to have lost our understanding of this important concept. We are most fortunate to have such visible reference to guide us in our public and personal lives.

Senator Dole's life has clearly proven the advantages of conducting oneself by this maxim. The true power of his example resides in his ability to serve as a model for all of us to emulate.

Despite his ascension to the Senate as Senate majority leader, Bob Dole never forgot Kansas. Despite ascension to Senate majority leader, he never forgot the values that he learned as a child in rural America, and we will never forget his love and devotion to his country and home. Kansas is honored to have Bob Dole as her son. The dedication of the U.S. courthouse in the Third Congressional District of Kansas as the Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse is a small way to honor Senator Dole for his years of sacrifice and unwavering commitment to

our State. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join Kansans and Americans in thanking Senator Dole for his service and example.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT], my colleague.

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from California for yielding me 2 minutes, and I also want to thank the committee chairman for bringing this bill forward, and I also want to thank the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT], who appreciates Senator Dole's work to reform the IRS, and I want to congratulate the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. SNOWBARGER] for his hard work getting this bill moved forward in the House.

As my colleagues know, I do not have enough time to really tell about all the feelings and thoughts I have about Senator Dole, but I do want to tell my colleagues that I think he is an American hero, that he is still today living the American dream. He is a personal friend, and I still seek his sage counsel. In 1992 when I was first involved in the political process, he helped because he thought Kansas needed a farm team of young individuals who would be willing to serve their country, and I was part of his effort. In Kansas he spoke of smaller government, of States rights, of individual responsibility. It was the message of Bob Dole and the message of Kansas that still rings true today. I was proud to support him during his presidential campaign, and like the gentleman he is, he graciously stepped back from public life into the private, but I want to tell my colleagues that in Kansas he will always be No. 1 in our hearts.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the naming of the new Federal courthouse in Kansas City, KS, for a man who has lived his life dedicated to the people of his State and the ideals of his Nation.

Bob Dole's commitment and service to America began in WWII, and nearly ended there. On a mountain in Italy named simply Hill 913, Lt. Bob Dole was leading the 2d platoon with the Army's 85th Mountain Regiment when he nearly lost his life. He endured terrible wounds that would last a lifetime.

He returned from this experience to the comfort and support of his home in Russell, KS, where he had grown up the hard-working son of a cream and egg station operator. Back home, he began his recovery and continued his career of serving his neighbors and country.

Bob Dole was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1960, and elected to the Senate in 1968, where he served as the Republican leader for a record 11 years. He ran for Vice President with President Gerald Ford in 1976 and ran for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1980 and 1988, and was the Republican nominee for President in 1996.

And he never ceased working for the Kansans he represented for so long.

In the 1980's he worked extensively helping farmers get through the financial crisis they

were facing—many family farms across our State and our Nation still work their own lands due to Bob Dole's leadership.

Senator Dole also took the lead in the effort to rebuild McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, KS, after a devastating tornado hit.

In addition, he was deeply involved as an advocate for Kansas in every farm bill, tax bill, or any other issue which affected Kansas.

During the latter part of his career Bob Dole became one of the preeminent legislators and statesmen of our day. He has been a major player in just about every substantial policy debate of the last three decades—budget deals, tax packages, health reform, saving Social Security, farm bills, advocating for the disabled—Bob Dole's deft legislative ability and talent were imparted on hundreds of issues and countless pieces of legislation.

Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute has called Senator Dole one of the five most significant Senators of the last half of the 20th century.

Upon his farewell from the Senate to pursue the Presidency, his former colleagues used the words honor and integrity probably more than any others to pay tribute to Bob Dole. These two simple terms seem to best describe a truly great man.

It is with great pleasure that I come to the floor today to support the naming of the Bob Dole Federal courthouse in Kansas City, KS.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA], my neighbor from Canton, one of our distinguished cardinals not only for his tremendous support of the naming of the courthouse for Bob Dole but also the fact that he was a very good friend of Carl Stokes.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to say as to Senator Dole that my observation of his service as a legislator was that of a caring person. I noticed that in his speeches, in his legislative programs, that he had a great empathy for the people of this Nation, and would reach out to them. I think it reflected his background, coming from Kansas and coming from a family and community situation where people worked hard and lived our cherished American values. Senator Dole showed these in the way that he dealt with legislative issues, that he cared about people.

As far as Carl Stokes, my first term as a member of the Ohio Legislature I had the good fortune to be placed on the Judiciary Committee, and one of my colleagues was Carl Stokes. I came from a rural area, he came from Cleveland, and yet we discovered we had sympathy and we had the same concerns for people. Carl was a great warm human being, and that was reflected in his approach to legislative issues. He was helpful to me as a new member of the Committee on the Judiciary, and we became good friends. I was there when he was inaugurated as the mayor of Cleveland. Our friendship continued over the years. He visited with his family at our home. We live on a farm about 60 miles south of Cleveland, and I will never forget Carl saying, "Well,

one thing I would like to do is to have a farm." He just had a real yen for living in the rural area, and I was somewhat surprised given the fact that he was a product of the big city, but that is something that really appealed to him.

The other thing is that in one of—I guess it tells us a lot about Carl that in one of the political races in which I was involved, Carl went out of his way to endorse me before a group in my district for a Senate race. Given our political differences, that came as a little bit of a shock to quite a few people, but that is because Carl made his decisions based on personal relationships, and we had the same approach on a lot of issues. He therefore felt that the would like to support me even though we were of different parties. And I think again that tells us a lot about Carl Stokes. The important thing with him is what people were, what they stood for and how we could best serve them, and he was willing to support people who approached things in the same way even though of different political parties.

I am pleased that we are naming the courthouse in Cleveland. I am confident that knowing Carl, he would be very pleased and proud to have this type of recognition. The same would be true with Senator Dole. I was proud to work on his campaign for President. I think he is a great American in the finest sense of the words.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, S. 1000 is a bill to designate the U.S. courthouse at 500 State Ave. in Kansas City in honor of Senator Robert Dole.

Senator Dole represented the people of Kansas with honor and distinction for over 40 years. His biography is several pages long and includes numerous activities and civic positions such as being a member of the American Bar Association, the Veterans of Foreign War, National Society of Autistic Children, National Association of Retarded Children, and the American Heart Association.

Although Senator Dole's senatorial duties required him to have a national focus he never forgot the people of Kansas. He continually worked on their behalf listening to their concerns on such issues as farm prices, safe roads, and economic development. His career is filled with lasting contributions and success. It is fitting to honor Senator Dole by designating the U.S. courthouse in Kansas as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse."

Mr. RYUN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only in support of S. 1000, but also in support of one of my State's greatest citizens, Senator Bob Dole.

Bob Dole faithfully served the people of Kansas for 46 years, starting in the State House, continuing through his leadership in Congress, and ending with a run for the Presidency. Even before this service though, Bob Dole answered his country's call. He bravely served in the Army during World War II where he was gravely injured. By the grace of God and a strong will, Bob Dole overcame adversity to continue his fight for America.

This designation—the Robert J. Dole Courthouse—is but a small symbol of our Nation's appreciation for his years of selfless sacrifice and his fight for our freedom.

I have admired this great man since I was a boy running through the Kansas countryside. That was back when Bob Dole was helping run the country as a Member of this great legislative body.

Now, as a freshman Representative from Kansas' Second District, I am grateful for Bob Dole's legacy.

Senator, a grateful Nation honors you today for a lifetime of dedicated service to your country.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of the bill passed by the Senate honoring Robert J. Dole. Mr. Dole is a man of character and of dedication to the people of Kansas and the United States. The designation of the Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse in Kansas City, KS, is an honor that is duly earned.

Senator Dole served the United States for more than 50 years. It was in the Army during World War II that Bob Dole devoted his life to national service. His ability to overcome the injuries he sustained in combat demonstrates an enormous capacity to overcome adversity through trying and difficult times.

After serving the State of Kansas as an attorney and a State representative, Bob Dole spent four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives diligently working for his district's constituents. It was from the House that he moved to the Senate where his legacy would be built.

The election of Robert Dole to the Senate in 1968 was the beginning of an illustrious career in the national spotlight. During his terms, Senator Dole served as the Republican National Party chairman and twice as Senate majority leader. Most of the country came to know Bob Dole in his national campaigns for the Presidency and Vice Presidency. In his bids for these offices Mr. Dole demonstrated a skilled ability for reaching out to Americans and in supporting legislation he believed to be in their best interests.

It was an honor and a pleasure to have served with Senator Dole here on Capitol Hill. He is a friend and someone with whom I worked with many times on issues of importance to the people we represented. Our efforts together on POW/MIA issues, the Americans with Disabilities Act, senior food programs, and our campaigns against domestic violence were among some of the more significant projects on which Senator Dole displayed great interest, devotion, and expertise. It was a pleasure for me to work with him on these issues.

Though retired now from elected office, Bob Dole still works on behalf of issues that he deems important to our national well being. His tireless efforts are admirable and deserve our adulation. I urge my colleagues to join with the Senate in passing this bill honoring a great American.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1000.

The question was taken.

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum

is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

KIKA DE LA GARZA UNITED STATES BORDER STATION

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 994) to designate the U.S. border station located in Pharr, TX, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 997

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, shall be known and designated as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the border station referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] and the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM].

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 994 designates the United States border station in Pharr, TX as the Kika de la Garza United States Border Station. Kika de la Garza was a distinguished Member of this body of 32 years. During his tenure he became one of the most outspoken advocates for U.S. agriculture. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1964. Since his first term in Congress he has been a member of the Committee on Agriculture, from 1981 to 1994. Kika de la Garza served as a chairman of this committee and successfully oversaw the passage of three omnibus farm bills in 1981, 1985, and 1990. He has also been successful in securing Federal funds to provide water and sewer services to depressed areas of Texas.

The distinguished gentleman from Texas retired from Congress at the end

of the 104th Congress. He was a respected colleague whose presence will be missed by many. The naming of the U.S. border station in his honor is a fitting tribute to Congressman Kika de la Garza. I support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am very honored today to participate in the passing of this bill, being the sponsor of H.R. 994. Kika de la Garza was just a great man. I think the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] has outlined many of his contributions. I would just like to say that he was the first Hispanic American to become a chair of a standing committee in this body, that being the Committee on Agriculture, and under his watchful eye legitimate substantive reform legislation for the USDA was crafted that made many needed and important changes, and those changes helped America's farmers and protected the public as well. That bill ultimately became law, and it made remarkable changes at USDA, and because of Chairman de la Garza's leadership and counsel the bill represented the right way to reinvent government, take government back to the people, and that is, I believe, the outstanding legacy of Kika de la Garza.

He never forgot the people that he served. Throughout those 32 years he fought tirelessly for his constituents, and he believed that all Americans and especially every farmer was his specific constituent, and how true he was.

We miss that smile, we miss his savvy, his common sense, and he always had a good word, and if he did not have a good word, he saved his word. I think everybody loved him.

I would just like to add here that the chairman, Kika de la Garza, was an amateur linguist and gourmet cook; that is right. And on many occasions he conversed with foreign dignitaries in their native tongue, to the surprise of people around the world at the scope and breath of his knowledge and intelligence. I am proud to have called him my friend, and I am honored to have sponsored this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. MORAN].

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding this time to me. I apologize for being a few minutes late, but I rise today to join my colleagues in seeking to honor former Senator and Majority Leader Bob Dole by renaming the Federal Court House located in Kansas City, KS the Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse. I am extremely pleased to have the opportunity to officially rec-

ognize and pay tribute to my fellow Kansan.

Growing up in western Kansas, I like so many others viewed Bob Dole as more than just a war hero, which he truly was, more than an able statesman which also he truly was, and more than an articulate voice for the disabled and veterans, which he truly was. To me he is someone who exemplifies the heritage of Kansas, hard-working, determined and having the ability to overcome great adversity.

Like our State's motto which means "to the stars through difficulty," Bob Dole rose to be one of the most distinguished figures of this century and did so while overcoming tremendous obstacles. His ascendancy to greatness began from his family's humble beginnings in Russell, KS, to the war-ravaged mountains of northern Italy and ultimately to serve as majority leader of the United States. As a young man Bob Dole was a athlete and scholar, and like so many of his generation, went off without hesitation to defend his country. On a snow-covered mountain in northern Italy he suffered near fatal wounds. Later, after a difficult and prolonged recovery, he returned to Kansas to finish his education utilizing the GI bill and embarked upon a public career we pay tribute to here today.

Bob Dole's appreciation for his boyhood community and the State of Kansas is without question. As a reminder of where he came from and what shaped his character throughout his career, he kept a cigar box on his desk containing receipts of various contributions made by his neighbors and friends to help pay for his difficult recovery after the war. Those receipts might have been for a dollar, 5 cents, 15 cents, it did not matter. Collectively they not only aided his rehabilitation, but they helped to find his sense of purpose and determination to give back to a community that had given so much to him.

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Many people have told me how years ago they would pass the Russell County Courthouse late at night and notice the second floor light on. It was the light of the young county prosecutor named Bob Dole. Though his injuries from the war required him to spend long, additional hours at work, he never complained and continued to work tirelessly.

Later he went on to serve Kansas's First Congressional District, which I am honored to serve, and then in the U.S. Senate. Senator Dole set an example while in both the House and Senate. It is his legacy that I must now attempt to follow.

Culminating his distinguished career in public service, Bob Dole was nominated by my party as the Presidential candidate for the 1996 election. In achieving all of his great accomplishments, Bob Dole served with character, candor, and a cunning wit that cannot be matched.