



RESOLUTION CELEBRATING FORMER SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE'S 98TH BIRTHDAY AND HONORING HIS ONGOING SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert J. Dole has dedicated his life to our country, serving as a soldier and statesman for more than eight decades and who, in the words of Richard Ben Cramer, has “endured, suffered, and triumphed through the greatest events of our time”;

WHEREAS, Robert J. Dole joined the U.S. Army’s 10th Mountain Division in 1942, fighting with valor in Europe during World War II to preserve liberty and freedom, was grievously wounded in combat in 1945, and was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star;

WHEREAS, Robert J. Dole returned to his beloved hometown of Russell, Kansas following his recuperation and ran for office in 1950, when he was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives and thereafter to the position of Russell County Attorney;

WHEREAS, Robert J. Dole was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1960 and served four terms in Congress before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1968, where he served with great distinction for 27 years until he resigned in 1996 to focus on his presidential campaign;

WHEREAS, Robert J. Dole was the Republican Leader in the Senate for eleven years and twice served as the Senate Majority Leader;

WHEREAS, In January 1971, with the support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, Robert J. Dole was elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee and led the Republican Party through the successful 1972 general election season until stepping down from the Chairmanship in December 1972;

WHEREAS, Robert J. Dole was selected by then-President Gerald R. Ford to serve as his running mate and was officially named the Republican Nominee for Vice President of the United States in August 1976;

WHEREAS, Robert J. Dole successfully sought the Republican nomination for President in 1996 and was officially named the Republican Nominee for President of the United States at the August 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego, California;

WHEREAS, In the years since Robert J. Dole has been out of public office, Senator Dole has continued to support and advance the interests and ideals of the Republican Party, and has undertaken a number of charitable and community projects, including serving as the National Chairman of the World War II Memorial Campaign, which raised funds for the construction of the National World War II Memorial located on the National Mall;



As Adopted by the Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, The Dole family's commitment to public service extends to Senator Dole's daughter Robin Dole, who has remained active with the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at The University of Kansas, and his loving and distinguished wife of over 45 years, the Honorable Elizabeth H. Dole, who continues to live a life full of service to the nation in her role as head of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, which focuses on supporting military caregivers, and earlier in her career included two different positions in the Cabinet of the United States as well as a term in the U.S. Senate representing the people of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, On July 22, 2021, Robert J. Dole celebrated his 98th birthday; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee joins with millions of Americans in wishing a very happy birthday to Senator Dole and honors and thanks him for his ongoing service to the people of the United States of America.