

**EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION**  
**CONGRATULATES SENATOR BOB DOLE ON**  
**CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL**

Eisenhower Memorial Finance Co-Chair Bob Dole was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony held in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol on January 17, 2018.

The prestigious award, given by the United States Congress, is authorized by an Act of Congress and began in 1776 when the Second Continental Congress created it to honor General George Washington.

The Congressional Gold Medal is one of the United States' two highest civilian awards. The other, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, was presented to Senator Dole by President Bill Clinton in January 1997. In the more than two centuries that the medal has been awarded, it has honored both individual citizens and organizations "who have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field long after the achievement."

In July of 2017, the Kansas Congressional delegation introduced the "Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Act," bipartisan legislation in both the House and Senate calling for the medal to be awarded to Dole, who represented Kansas in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate for a period of 36 years. The legislation recognizes Dole "for his service to the nation as a soldier, legislator and statesman" and was co-sponsored by Kansas' senior Senator and Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, Senator Pat Roberts.

Senator Roberts commended Senator Dole: *"I can think of few people more deserving of a Congressional Gold Medal than Bob Dole. Bob is not only one of the country's finest statesmen and Kansas' favorite son, he is a friend, mentor and brother to me. He has served our country in countless ways, and has spent his whole life serving Kansas and our nation. From his days in Russell, Kansas, to his service in World War II, and his dedication to spending his life as a public servant, Bob Dole embodies the American spirit."*