

Kansan Dole receives high honor

**WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, says he's "extremely honored" to receive the Congressional Gold Medal.**

**It's the highest honor the nation's legislative body has for a civilian.**

**House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Republican from Wisconsin, presented the medal to the decorated World War II veteran, and Kansan, during a ceremony at the Capitol Wednesday.**

**Dole also ran for president, winning the Republican Party's nomination in 1996. He lost to Democrat Bill Clinton.**

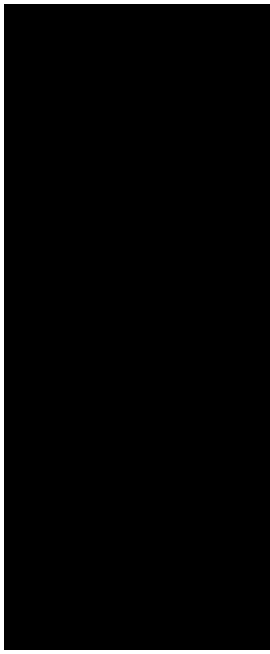
**Kansas 2nd District Republican Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins was among the many who spoke during the ceremony, citing Dole's accomplishments as a leader to both Kansas and the nation.**

**Also in attendance was Republican Kansas Senator Pat Roberts, who, along with Jenkins, introduced the Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Act on July 24, 2017.**

**It passed the Senate on August 3, 2017, with every single U.S. Senator cosponsoring the legislation. It passed the House on September 5, 2017.**

**The 94-year-old Dole thanked his colleagues and staff, and all the speakers, including President Donald Trump, for their "kind words." Then, in a flash of his trademark wit, Dole said of the tributes, "They're probably not true, but they're kind."**

**Dole is only the 8th out of 1,973 Senators to earn the award. Other Congressional Gold Medal Senate honorees include Senators Robert Kennedy, John Glenn and Harry Truman.**



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