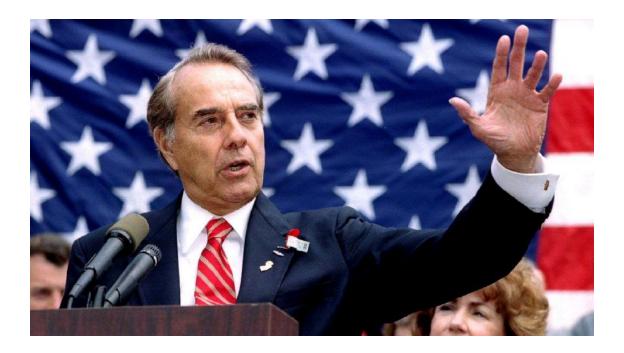


REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF FORMER U.S. SENATOR BOB DOLE



Albuquerque, December 5—The following is a statement from Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Steve Pearce on the passing of former Republican U.S. Senator and presidential nominee Bob Dole:

"I am saddened to learn of the passing of former Senator Bob Dole. He was a World War Two war hero who overcame a disability and served his nation honorably. He was a great statesman who served with dignity and courage in the U.S. Senate for 27 years. I had the good fortune to meet Senator Dole while I was in Congress. He was a gentleman and man whom I admired and respected. Bob was a stalwart conservative and one who represented all the values and ideals that make America great. He will be missed."