

On the Occasion of the
Conferring of the Doctor of Laws Degree, honoris causa
upon
Robert Dole

by Christopher Newport University
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"From foreign battlefields to the halls of Congress, Bob Dole has served his country with courage, dedication, and grace. Overcoming his own adversity, he rose to become a champion for the disabled and America's farmers, for preserving Social Security and promoting fiscal responsibility, and for strengthening our global leadership for freedom, peace, and prosperity. A man of the heartland, he brought common sense, uncommon skill, and a prairie wit to the United States Senate, where he was the longest serving Republican leader in history. Soldier, statesman, and patriot, Bob Dole has created a record of achievement that will stand forever as a tribute to the strengths and values that have made America great."

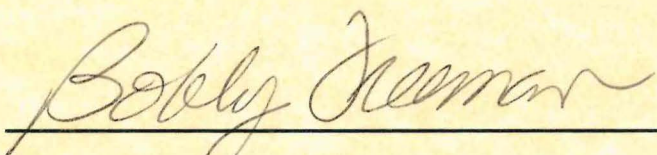
Those words were on the Presidential Medal of Freedom citation President Clinton awarded to Bob Dole as a tribute to his character and contributions to the nation.

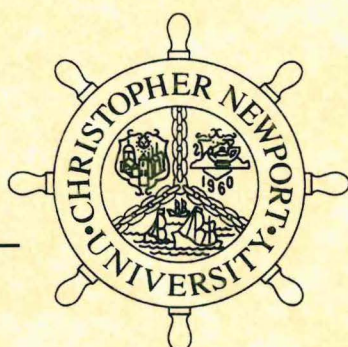
Bob Dole has been called "a towering figure," "the most enduring Republican leader of the twentieth century," and "one of the most respected political figures in America." He was one of the most powerful senators and brilliant legislators of our time.

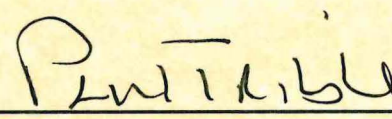
U.S. Senator, Senate Majority Leader, candidate for President of the United States, hero in World War II, Bob Dole's life exemplifies the qualities of service, excellence and achievement.

The Board of Visitors of Christopher Newport University takes great pride and pleasure in conferring the Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa upon Senator Robert Dole, in honor of his extraordinary life of distinguished service to all Americans.

Congratulations!


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