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TALKING POINTS -- DOLE FOUNDATION DROP-BY

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- o I'd also like to congratulate Bill Marriott, winner of the Fourth Annual Leadership Award. I understand the Marriott Corporation employs over 6,000 people with disabilities, a world leader in this area. Congratulations, Bill, and thank you.
- o For as long as I've known the Doles, they never cease to amaze me with their leadership, spirit and dedication. The Dole Foundation is doing wonderful things. Keep up the good work. God bless you, and thank you both.

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