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The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

## Senator Bennett: A Great Supporter of Ike's Memorial



The [Eisenhower Memorial Commissioners](#), Members of the [Advisory Committee](#) and [Commission staff](#) send condolences to the family of our former Commissioner and Advisory Committee Member, Senator Bob Bennett. We were honored to have his participation in the Memorial to Eisenhower.



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## Memorial Designer Awarded Harvard Arts Medal



Last Thursday the designer of the Eisenhower Memorial, [Frank Gehry](#), was presented with the [Harvard Arts Medal](#) from University President Drew Faust. The ceremony included a discussion between the architect and actor John Lithgow. Gehry is the first architect to receive the award, which is presented annually to a distinguished Harvard alumnus/a or faculty member who has made significant contributions to the arts or arts education.



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## Ike In History

On May 1, 1958, President Eisenhower proclaimed the first [Law Day](#), as a day of national dedication to the principle of government under the rule of law. During the Little Rock crisis, Eisenhower ensured that the rule of law would be upheld when he sent federal troops to enforce the desegregation of the Central High School, as mandated in the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court case.

*The rule of law does more than insure freedom from high-handed action of rulers. It insures justice between man and man--however humble the one and however powerful the other.*

- Statement for Law Day, April 30, 1958



**VIDEO:** [Little Rock, 1957 – The Civil Rights Battleground](#)  
E-Memorial Pivotal Moment film featuring an interview with President Bill Clinton



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On May 1, 1962, the [Eisenhower Presidential Library](#) was dedicated in Eisenhower's hometown of Abilene, Kansas. The Library is situated on a campus comprised of the Presidential Museum, Eisenhower's Boyhood Home, and the Place of Meditation where Eisenhower lies in rest alongside his wife Mamie and firstborn son "Icky." The Library is a longtime partner on the Eisenhower Memorial and will be featured on the E-Memorial with its own Legacy Organization story.



Mamie Eisenhower and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower approach the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library through an honor guard at the dedication ceremony, May 1, 1962, photo courtesy of the [Truman Library](#)

## Test Your Ike'spertise!

**Trivia Question:** May is National Pet Month. During their years in the White House, the Eisenhowers had two pets. What were they? (see answer below)

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**Trivia Answer:** A parakeet named Gabby and a Weimaraner named Heidi.



Heidi greets President Eisenhower as he returns to the White House, March 11, 1959, photo courtesy of the [Eisenhower Presidential Library](#)



Gabby may have looked something like this, photo courtesy of the [Presidential Pet Museum](#)

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