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**FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES A. BAKER, III, AND
FORMER SENATOR CHRIS DODD WILL SERVE AS VICE CHAIRS OF
FUNDRAISING FOR NATIONAL EISENHOWER MEMORIAL**

*-- Statesman and Head of Motion Picture Association of America
Join Effort to Build Memorial Commemorating Dwight D. Eisenhower --*

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WASHINGTON, October 29, 2015 – Prominent American Statesman, Secretary James A. Baker, III, and former Senator and current Chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America, Chris Dodd, have joined the effort to build the National Eisenhower Memorial, a congressionally-mandated memorial honoring Dwight D. Eisenhower in his dual roles as President of the United States and Supreme Allied Commander.

Secretary Baker and Senator Dodd will serve as Finance Vice-Chairs of the Campaign for the Eisenhower Memorial. In addition, both will serve on the commission's Advisory Committee. Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and Senator Bob Dole, Chairman of the Campaign for the Eisenhower Memorial, today announced that these two distinguished Americans have joined the fundraising campaign to build the National Eisenhower Memorial:

These two great Americans are tremendous additions to our fundraising team. Secretary Baker graciously joined our Advisory Committee last month, and we are extremely pleased that he has also agreed to take a senior role in fundraising. He is one of our nation's most distinguished statesmen – having served three presidents in a wide variety of roles, including Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, and White House Chief of Staff – and we are honored to have his assistance for our effort to memorialize Ike.

Chris Dodd was a dynamic member of the Senate with whom we worked for many years, and we are delighted to welcome him to the memorial's fundraising team and Advisory Committee. He brings boundless energy to the memorial effort, and we very much look forward to working with him.

Secretary Baker commented:

I have spent my entire life working in international relations and public policy, and I very much appreciate the manner in which Eisenhower led our nation through both WW II and the Cold War. As a young lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during the

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1950's, President Eisenhower was my Commander-in-chief. For these, and many other reasons, I am extremely pleased to play a role in ensuring that he will be memorialized for generations to come.

Senator Dodd commented:

I am very happy to join my former Senate colleagues, Senators Pat Roberts, Bob Dole, Secretary Baker, my friend, Tom Hanks, and so many of the distinguished Americans who have come together to build the memorial honoring one of my greatest heroes, Dwight Eisenhower. We in the motion picture industry understand the incredible technological legacy left by President Eisenhower. His vision for the future was instrumental in developing many of the technologies that we use today to communicate on a worldwide basis: he launched the first communications satellite and, as a presidential candidate, he understood and made use of the power of video. Eisenhower was truly a great man who deserves to be memorialized here in Washington. I'm very happy to join the team that will build Eisenhower's memorial.

In addition to his fundraising role, Dodd joins numerous distinguished Americans who serve on the Eisenhower Memorial Commission's Advisory Committee, including: Advisory Committee Co-Chairmen General P.X. Kelley, USMC (Ret.), former Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission and Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and Frank Fahrenkopf, Co-Chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates; six former U.S. Secretaries of State; several former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and chiefs of the military services; numerous former Members of Congress, Cabinet officers and high-ranking government and military officials, opinion leaders and historians. Secretary Baker previously joined the Advisory Committee in September 2015.

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