
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION

STATEMENT FOLLOWING TODAY'S APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN FOR THE NATIONAL EISENHOWER MEMORIAL BY THE U.S. COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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JUNE 18, 2015; WASHINGTON, DC – The design for the National Eisenhower Memorial today received Final Approval from the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). Following today's CFA meeting, Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC), commented,

“Today's vote of Final Approval by the CFA helps to ensure a lasting and fitting tribute to President and General Dwight D. Eisenhower who 71 years ago this month made the D-Day decision that led us to Victory in Europe. With a memorial to Ike, not only will the surviving 2 million U.S. troops under his command have the place to remember his service and valor, but so will generations to come. My grandkids today are too young to understand what Ike gave to them in the peace and freedom they enjoy. But with a permanent memorial, it's my hope they will come to understand and appreciate what he meant to our country and to the entire free world. We thank Chairman Powell, the CFA commissioners, and their staff for their extraordinary knowledge and professionalism.”

On July 9, 2015 the design will appear before the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), also for Final Approval. In anticipation of that event, Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA5), Vice Chairman of the EMC, stated:

“The EMC looks forward to appearing before the NCPC in two weeks where we hope to receive the second - and final - of our federal approvals. Many of the design edits that received CFA's final approval today come from the EMC's close work with the NCPC late last year. NCPC's resounding 10 to 1 vote of preliminary approval last October was a mandate that moved us forward swiftly. We look forward to taking a fully approved design forward to funding, construction, and dedication.”

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