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Senator Pat Roberts Announces Support from the Eisenhower Family for the Eisenhower Memorial Project to Move Forward:

- Way forward includes design modifications -

Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, today announced that the Eisenhower family has agreed to support the Gehry design of the Washington, D.C., memorial to their grandfather, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, as a result of modifications that all believe make for a worthy tribute to an unparalleled American president and military leader.

Senator Roberts thanked the Eisenhower family and commended the efforts that yielded a compromise on several design elements, saying:

I want to thank the Eisenhower family – Susan, Anne, Mary Jean and David – for working through design issues that have brought us

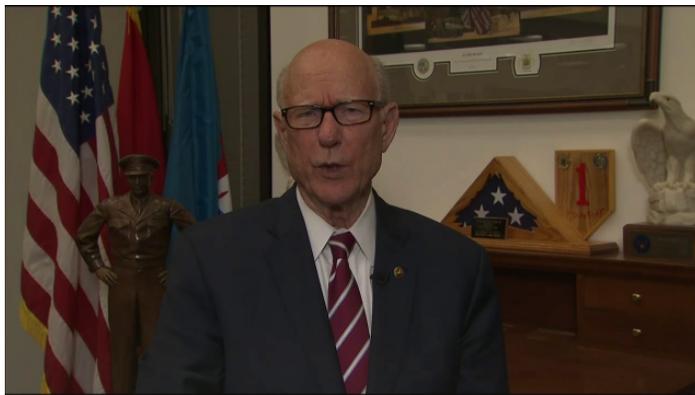


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together on a memorial for Dwight D. Eisenhower, which will forever honor his contributions to our country and our world. I believe we have reached an excellent compromise and that the proposed modifications appropriately honor Eisenhower, Kansas' favorite son, as both General and President. The commission is extremely grateful to Secretary James A. Baker, III, a member of our esteemed Advisory Committee, for his work with the Eisenhower family in creating a compromise that makes all parties pleased with the outcome and proud to move forward together. The timing of this resolution could not have been better – it will help us reach our goal of dedicating the memorial on June 6, 2019, the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

To read the full press release, click [here](#).



[VIDEO] Senator Pat Roberts' announcement, September 19, 2016

EMC Receives Gift from the Walt Disney Family

This week the Commission is delighted to announce a generous contribution, at the *Chief-of-Staff* level, from the Walt Disney Family honoring the special relationship shared between the Disney brothers (Walt and Roy) and Eisenhower. The late daughter of Walt Disney, Diane Disney Miller, and her husband, Ron Miller, have been committed proponents and supporters of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Memorial.

In 2012, Mr. and Mrs. Miller hosted two beautiful gala fundraising events in support of the memorial. The first event was a dinner hosted at the [Walt Disney Concert Hall](#) in Los Angeles, CA, honoring Frank Gehry and his design for the Eisenhower Memorial. The second event was co-hosted with EMC Advisory



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Committee member Secretary George Shultz and Charlotte Shultz at [The Walt Disney Family Museum](#) in San Francisco, CA.

We extend our deepest appreciation to all of our donors for their generous contributions in support of Ike's memorial. Donations from our supporters make it possible for us to move ever closer to groundbreaking on the National Eisenhower Memorial in the heart of our nation's capital.

Donate now at [Pay.Gov](#) to make an online contribution and join the many patriotic Americans, multi-national corporations, foreign nations and elementary school students in honoring this great American, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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Emeritus Rocco Siciliano at a fundraising event hosted by the Miller's and Shultz's at [The Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco, CA, October 2012](#)

Walt Disney Liked Ike!



Ike and Walt at the Republican National Convention, 1964, image courtesy of the [Eisenhower Presidential Library](#)

During World War II, Walt Disney Studios produced propaganda films for the U.S. government, as well as educational and instructional films for every branch of the U.S. military. Following the war, Disney contributed to Eisenhower's 1952 presidential campaign in an unprecedented way, creating the well-known "I Like Ike" campaign slogan. Eisenhower became the first presidential candidate to use television campaign commercials, and was the only one for whom Disney offered its services.

Throughout Eisenhower's presidency, Disney promoted many of the administration's policy goals by leveraging Walt's unrivaled cultural

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presence in the American home. For example, Disney promoted increased scientific learning and understanding with *Disneyland* television programs like "Our Friend the Atom," which encouraged peaceful uses of nuclear energy, and "Man in Space," which promoted space exploration. President Eisenhower, who visited Disneyland with his family in 1961, was an admirer of Walt Disney and once described him as someone "who has spread more understanding of the fun-loving American than anyone else and has brought joy to the hearts of many people, both young and old."



[VIDEO] "[I Like Ike](#)"
 Animated short film produced by Roy Disney (Walt's brother) and donated to the Eisenhower presidential campaign by Disney Studio, 1952

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