EMC Releases Video Previewing Design for Eisenhower Memorial

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 14, 2016: The Eisenhower Memorial Commission (EMC), today released Honoring Ike, a video introducing the design for the National Eisenhower Memorial and
showcasing it within its setting in Eisenhower Square, adjacent to the National Mall and Capitol Hill.

*Honoring Ike* features interviews with the memorial’s designer, architect Frank Gehry; Senator Pat Roberts, Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission; President Bill Clinton and General Colin Powell, members of the commission’s Advisory Committee, and David Eisenhower, grandson of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The video is narrated by Tom Brokaw, also a member of the memorial’s Advisory Committee.

Viewers of *Honoring Ike* will learn about the challenges of capturing, memorializing and teaching future generations about Dwight D. Eisenhower’s remarkable life story and legacy – his journey from the Kansas Heartland to the world stage and the pivotal roles he played in twentieth century history.

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On June 12, 1915, Eisenhower graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as a 2d Lieutenant, 19th Infantry, as part of "the class the stars fell on," because it had the highest number of future generals in the Academy's history. Of course, Eisenhower would go on to become a five-star General, but at West Point he also made his name known as a star football player, famously tackling the legendary Jim Thorpe of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, coached by Pop Warner. Learn more about Eisenhower's time at West Point with the E-Memorial Pivotal Moment feature film, West Point: A Life in Service to His Country.

Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in blood of his followers and sacrifices of his friends. *

- General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Guildhall Address, June 12, 1945, London, England

*Excerpts from this speech will appear engraved on the Memorial

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Trivia Question: June 14 is Flag Day. Which two states were added to the Union under Eisenhower's presidency? (see answer below)

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Trivia Answer: Alaska and Hawaii, making the Eisenhower White House the first to fly both the 49-star and 50-star flags.

President Eisenhower unfurls the new 50-star flag after signing a proclamation making Hawaii the 50th state of the union; former EMC Vice Chair and late Senator Daniel Inouye looks on from right; August 21, 1959; image courtesy of the Associated Press.

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