Today marks the 17th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Join us as we observe a moment of silence and reflection for the victims and survivors of that tragic day, for the brave emergency responders who selflessly answered the call of duty, and for the friends and families who carry on. We are forever grateful to those servicemembers -- civilian and military -- who dedicate themselves to the preservation of our safety and freedom. #WeWillNeverForget
In Honor of a Great American Hero

This past Labor Day weekend, the late Senator John McCain laid in repose in the U.S. Capitol rotunda where members of Congress, as well as the public, paid their final respects. The honor of lying in state has only been given to 30 men before him, one of them being President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Both Eisenhower and McCain prided themselves in being career military officers; neither of them expecting to pursue a second career in politics. Although their time in the military was quite different, they both retired with honor and received recognition and appreciation from the American people.

President Eisenhower and Senator McCain were considered unconventional politicians. They cared more for the American people than their appearances in the media. They were focused on the safety and well being of our citizens throughout their service -- both in the military and in government. McCain's life and legacy are an embodiment of the words uttered to him by President Eisenhower during the commencement address to the US Naval Academy's class of 1958:

"In doing many things together -- working, playing, observing cherished traditions, absorbing common conceptions of duty -- you have developed an abiding and priceless morale, a quality that encompasses loyalty, optimism, dedication, professional competence, and courage."

The Eisenhower Memorial Commissioners and staff extend our gratitude for Senator McCain's steadfast service to this country and send our deepest sympathies to the McCain family during this trying time.

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On September 11, 1956, President Eisenhower created People to People International and Sister Cities International. The two organizations were created to promote world peace and individual cooperation across the globe. Eisenhower believed these goals could be achieved through our mutual understanding of one another. Today, these organizations continue to promote "citizen diplomacy" and cross-cultural friendships as avenues to achieving enduring peace in the world.

As part of the Congressional memorialization of Eisenhower, the People to People International story (along with five other Eisenhower legacy organizations) will be showcased on the E-Memorial website.

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- Remarks at the People-to-People Conference, September 11, 1956, Washington, DC

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**Trivia Question:** *TIME Magazine* featured General Eisenhower, for the second time, on the cover of its September 13, 1943, issue. Throughout the 20th century, the General and the President would continue to grace the publication’s cover. Do you know how times Eisenhower was on the cover of *TIME*? (see answer below)

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