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PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER JOINS
EISENHOWER MEMORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
-- Third President Joins Effort to Honor President Eisenhower --

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WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 28, 2015: Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and Senator Bob Dole, Finance Chairman of the Campaign for the Eisenhower Memorial, today announced that President Jimmy Carter has joined the effort to memorialize our nation's 34th President, President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

President Carter joins Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, who became members of the Eisenhower Memorial's Advisory Committee in September, 2015.

Speaking from Washington, today, Senator Roberts expressed his thanks on behalf of himself, Senator Dole, and members of the Eisenhower Memorial Commission and the Advisory Board:

"It speaks volumes that many of our nation's former U.S. presidents are joining the effort to memorialize their colleague, President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The memorial is long overdue – as it was founded in legislation in 1999 and has received all the necessary federal approvals. I am honored that three Presidents, and so many other distinguished Americans, have joined us in this effort, and I hope others will do the same so that we may begin construction while Ike's troops are still alive and can honor their esteemed leader."

President Carter offered his thoughts on the importance of building a memorial to President Eisenhower:

I'm delighted to join my fellow Presidents in this important effort. Ike was our nation's most recent – and possibly our last – warrior President. As a young midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, I stood in awe of him. And I am deeply proud that he was my final Commander-in-Chief when I served in the United States Navy. It is particularly appropriate that he is being honored with the first Presidential Memorial to be constructed in the twenty-first century – he led our nation to peace, prosperity and into a new age of transportation and technology that helped to assure America's position as a world leader.

In addition to President Carter and the Presidents Bush, numerous distinguished Americans serve on the Eisenhower Memorial Commission's Advisory Committee and

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Finance Committee, including: 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; Frank Fahrenkopf, Co-Chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates; Finance Chairman, Senator Bob Dole; 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.

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