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**TOM HANKS JOINS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
THE EISENHOWER MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

***-- Spokesperson for the World War II Memorial Campaign
Joins Effort to Memorialize Dwight D. Eisenhower --***

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WASHINGTON, September 14, 2015 – Award-winning actor and filmmaker, Tom Hanks, has joined the effort to build the National Eisenhower Memorial, a Congressionally-mandated memorial honoring Dwight D. Eisenhower in his dual roles as President of the United States and Supreme Allied Commander.

Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), Chairman of the The Eisenhower Memorial Commission, today announced that Mr. Hanks has joined the memorial’s Advisory Committee:

We are delighted to welcome Tom Hanks to our Advisory Committee. A committed proponent of The Greatest Generation, Mr. Hanks served as the National Spokesman for the National World War II fundraising campaign. We look forward to his dynamic contributions to the effort to honor Ike. His body of work includes acting, directing, producing and writing numerous films focused on World War II, including: Saving Private Ryan; The Pacific; Band of Brothers; and The War. His work has received numerous industry awards. In addition, he is a 2014 Kennedy Center Honoree.

From Hollywood, Tom Hanks responded:

I am very happy to join Senator Bob Dole and General P.X. Kelley, distinguished Americans with whom I worked on the World War II memorial. My role in that effort was meant to honor the sacrifices of Ike’s troops and all those who served in that global conflict. I am pleased to join the effort to remember their leader who went on to become one of our most prescient and wise of Presidents

Senator Bob Dole welcomed Tom Hanks to the Advisory Committee:

We couldn’t be more excited by the addition of Tom Hanks to our team dedicated to building the National Eisenhower Memorial. His dedication to The Greatest Generation is long-standing and heartfelt, and his films have created a strong level of awareness to the horrors of war. Ike’s troops were inspired by his leadership and humanity, they followed him into battle without question. Now, in their final years, they want to see their

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leader's memorial built. We are so honored to have Tom join our effort to make that memorial a reality.

Mr. Hanks joins numerous distinguished Americans who serve on the Eisenhower Memorial Commission's Advisory 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; Senator Bob Dole; numerous former Members of Congress, Cabinet officers and high-ranking government and military officials; opinion leaders and historians.

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