

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dwight David Eisenhower, the 34th president of the
2 United States, is to be honored with a national memorial in
3 Washington, D.C.; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Denison, Texas, in 1890 and raised in
5 Abilene, Kansas, Dwight Eisenhower devoted his life to the service
6 of his country; in 1911, he left Abilene to attend the U.S. Military
7 Academy at West Point, taking the first step on one of the most
8 distinguished military careers in U.S. history, a career that
9 culminated in his appointment as the supreme commander of Allied
10 forces in Europe during World War II and, subsequently, as the first
11 supreme commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1952, General Eisenhower was elected president of
13 the United States in a landslide victory; as our nation's
14 commander-in-chief over the next eight years, he worked to preserve
15 the hard-won peace during the height of the Cold War; at home, he
16 oversaw an era of prosperity, signed important civil rights
17 legislation, and launched the construction of the modern interstate
18 highway system; he also established the Defense Advanced Research
19 Projects Agency, which went on to create the Internet, as well as
20 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, helping to
21 initiate one of the greatest periods of technological and
22 scientific advancement in human history; and

23 WHEREAS, Renowned for his unwavering integrity, skillful
24 leadership, and lifelong public service, Dwight Eisenhower is to be

1 honored with a memorial in our nation's capital, situated in a
2 four-acre park at the base of Capitol Hill; the monument's design by
3 famed architect Frank Gehry appropriately captures the two main
4 elements of Eisenhower's life, as general and as president; his
5 military service will be represented by a bronze statue inspired by
6 the famous photo of his visit with the 101st Airborne Division just
7 before D-Day, in front of a bas-relief of the Normandy landing;
8 another bronze statue depicts him as president, flanked by abstract
9 figures representing the balance between civilian authority and
10 military power; and

11 WHEREAS, The effort to fund and break ground for this
12 memorial is being overseen by the members of the Dwight D.
13 Eisenhower Memorial Commission, with Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas
14 serving as chair and Representative Mike Thompson of California
15 serving as vice chair; once completed, the monument will join those
16 honoring Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, and Washington as a fitting
17 tribute to one of America's greatest military leaders and most
18 influential presidents; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the legacy of President Dwight D.
21 Eisenhower and the effort to build a national memorial to him in
22 Washington, D.C.; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission as an
25 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 3037

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3037 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House