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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.