D-Day commander 'exceptional'

This weekend marks the 65th Anniversary of D-Day - the largest amphibious assault in history and a key turning point in World War II.

As we honor those veterans who contributed to the success of the assault, I am reminded that D-Day was also a defining moment for one of Kansas' favorite Eisenhower was honored by the sons, Dwight D. Eisenhower. As supreme commander of Allied Forces in Europe, Eisenhower was the man most responsible for D-Day invasion.

the fate of so many rested on a single person, a single decision. But that responsibility is exactly what Eisenhower faced on D-Day as he ordered the invasion of Normandy.

He felt the full weight of the lives he knew would be lost in the effort and the consequences of failure. Yet Eisenhower never as Eisenhower said later, "The avoided the enormous responsibility before him. In fact, Ike pre- or a foot of ground in my adminpared a message to be used in the event the invasion failed. In this message, he placed any blame more than keep the peace. He for the failure on himself alone. opened new paths of freedom with For his troops he claimed "brav- the Interstate Highway System ery and devotion to duty," but for himself only responsibility.



citizens of London, he stated, "Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in blood of his followers the planning and execution of the and sacrifices of his friends." That was Eisenhower's brand of lead-It is difficult for us to imagine ership: responsibility in the face of failure and humility in the glory of success.

> Eight years after D-Day, the slogan "I Like Ike" was catapulting Eisenhower to the presidency. As president, Eisenhower sought a lasting peace, hoping that the sacrifices of his troops would not be necessary again. And indeed, United States never lost a soldier istration."

But President Eisenhower did and the integration of Little Rock High School. Internationally, he When D-Day succeeded and stood up to enemies and friends

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alike, keeping not with justice. He took America into space and founded NASA. In fact, in 1957, Eisenhower recorded the message of peace that beamed down from the world's

first communications satellite. He earned the trust of the country and the world by being a consistent model of decisive, pragmatic, and just leadership.

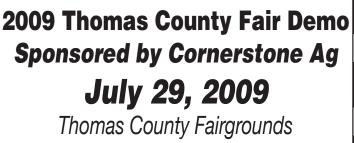
Eisenhower's unique leadership needs to be remembered today more than ever. I am proud to be part of a 12-member commission working to create a national memorial to President Eisenhower in Washington. The commission recently selected world-renowned architect Frank Gehry to be its lead designer. President Eisenhower represents the best of America and the National Eisenhower Memorial will reflect Ike's great legacy and his optimism for Americans. It is my hope that his memorial will inspire America to remember its proud history and bright future.

A series of commemorative only peace, but peace events in honor of D-Day are being held this weekend at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene. As we pause to remember those who gave their lives on a foreign beach 65 years ago, my hope is that we will reflect on the principled leadership, conviction and commitment shown by Eisenhower. We currently face tough and uncertain times ourselves, but in these times it is important that we remember Ike's words – "America is exactly as strong as the initiative, courage, understanding and loyalty of the individual citizen."

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