

I hardly believe that I need to dwell on the contributions of President Eisenhower to our Nation, to the free world, and to the unity and commonsense of America. We are all grateful to him for what he has done, and probably no President of the United States in recent memory has ever held or continues to hold such a profound grasp on the affection and the admiration of the American people. I believe that we would do well to recognize our debt of gratitude to President Eisenhower now while he can appreciate our actions, and I urge this committee to give speedy approval to House Joint Resolution 800.

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you very much, Congressman Stratton.

I must say that I agree with you that living memorials make a great deal more sense than slabs of concrete.

Do you believe that if this \$5 million were appropriated by the Congress it would be indeed the only memorial, or do you think that efforts would still be made for other memorials?

Mr. STRATTON. I think this would certainly have to be part of the legislative history of the legislation, as far as the Congress is concerned. And as far as the Federal Government is concerned, this would be the memorial to President Eisenhower.

We couldn't, of course, enjoin others from raising funds on a voluntary basis for some other form of memorial. But, as I say, it is my understanding of those who are close to President Eisenhower that this would be his wish, although obviously he can't come down here and urge this committee to approve funds for a memorial to him.

I think we certainly ought to make it clear in the report and in the legislative history that this would be the only memorial.

Mrs. GREEN. What did you say is the Federal contribution to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts?

Mr. STRATTON. My information is that it was \$15.5 million, which was appropriated in Federal funds in 1964, on the 7th of July. It was authorized on January 23, with \$15.5 million authorized for design and construction. Then on July 7th, \$15.5 million was appropriated, to be matched by private gifts, and \$2.1 million appropriated for land acquisition.

Mrs. GREEN. What was the Federal contribution to Hyde Park? Do you have that?

Mr. STRATTON. I haven't been able to track that down, and I am speaking more from general impression with respect to the Roosevelt Library than on the basis of any figures.

However, over the years there has been appropriated a fairly substantial amount of money for the development of the Roosevelt Memorial, some \$285,000 for the work of the Memorial Commission, until recently headed by our former colleague from New York, Mr. Kehoe, starting in August 1955 and going down to \$80,000 appropriated in the 89th Congress on the 31st of May.

In that connection, I might also point out, Madam Chairman, that \$1.89 million was appropriated for the Kennedy gravesite in Arlington, that some \$750,000-\$725,000—was appropriated by Congress for the completion of the Washington Monument, that \$3.375 million was appropriated for the construction of the Jefferson Memorial, that \$5,000 was appropriated for a suitable monument at Jefferson's grave at Monticello, that \$2 million was appropriated for the Lincoln Memorial, not including an additional \$75,000 for certain improvements to the reflecting pool.