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Gives Invocation at Capitol Ceremonies

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today attended ceremonies in the U.S. Capitol to dedicate a new statue for Kansas in Statuary Hall. Kansas recently became the first state to change one of its statues - exchanging early Kansas Governor George Washington Glick, for President and General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1864, each state was asked to contribute two statues to the Capitol's Statuary Hall. Early in Kansas' history, the decision was made to place statues of Senator John Ingalls and Governor Glick in the Capitol. Earlier this year, Congress passed the resolution allowing for the change - the first ever of its kind.

"This is a fitting tribute to President Eisenhower and a fitting time to do it - fifty years after he first took office as President," Moran said. "A great man, a great Kansan and a great American, President Eisenhower is a good representative of all that makes Kansas good - fifty years ago and today."

The statue, created by Kansas artist Jim Brothers, was unveiled at a ceremony earlier this year at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene. Among the speakers at today's ceremony in Washington, D.C. were Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, and Former Senator Bob Dole, as well as Kansas Senators Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts and Congressman Todd Tiahrt.

Moran gave the invocation at the ceremonies.

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