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### **West Point Selects Ike Skelton IV as 2012 Thayer Award Recipient**

The West Point Association of Graduates has announced that Isaac Newton "Ike" Skelton IV will receive the 2012 Thayer Award.

Since 1958, the West Point Association of Graduates has presented the Sylvanus Thayer Award to an outstanding citizen of the United States, *other than a West Point graduate*, whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Skelton will accept the award this fall at West Point, during ceremonies hosted by Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., Superintendent of the United States Military Academy.

Skelton's service to the Nation includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Missouri's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District 1977 - 2011. Skelton served as Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services 2007-2011, and served prior to that as Ranking Member on the House Armed Services Committee (1998 – 2006). He currently serves as partner in a law firm, advising clients on a variety of legal and public policy issues, especially matters relating to national defense, small business and international trade. Skelton's awards and recognitions include Honorary United States Marine, the U.S. Army Distinguished Civilian Service Medal and the U.S. Navy Distinguished Public Service Medal.

Mr. Jodie K. Glore, Chairman of the West Point Association of Graduates says he is "very pleased with the rigorous process" applied by the Thayer Award Committee in its deliberations.

"It will be a signal honor for us to recognize former Congressman Skelton as this year's Thayer Award recipient," said Huntoon. "His lifetime selfless service as a public servant exemplifies the academy's motto of Duty, Honor, Country."

*The West Point Association of Graduates is dedicated to furthering the ideals and promoting the welfare of West Point, and supporting and serving its graduates. As a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, its philanthropic pursuits maintain a margin of excellence for Cadets attending the Academy.*

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