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HONORING CHAIRMAN IKE SKELTON!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

We had thought that the distinguished gentleman from Missouri, the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Mr. Ike Skelton, would be here this evening. He is not. But I would like to say that this House, of course, honors the extraordinary service to his district, his State, the men and women of our armed services, and most importantly, our Nation for 34 years. It has been a great experience to work with Ike Skelton closely, as chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and to work with him for those who serve inactive duty and those who have served and are now veterans.

President Truman, who is a hero to all of us and especially to Ike, stated that, "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." Ike Skelton has personified this wonderful saying, working tirelessly for the good of our country. He has done more than he will ever get credit for, and this House will be a poorer place without his presence.