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SKELTON RELEASES NATIONAL SECURITY BOOK LIST

Washington, DC – Congressman Ike Skelton (D-MO) released today his National Security Book List, a compilation of books that Skelton recommends as required reading to all officers of the Armed Forces, to Members of Congress, and to those interested in national security issues.

“Professional Military Education is a particular interest of mine. I consider myself lucky that my longtime hobby as a military history enthusiast has complemented my work in Congress as a member of the House Armed Services Committee,” said Skelton.

“Through the years, I have benefitted enormously by seeking out books recommended by others who share my interest in history and military affairs. The fifty books I have chosen cover the topics of leadership, character, and military art. The subject matter ranges from ancient to modern warfare, although a large number of my recommendations focus on the Civil War and World War II,” said Skelton.

“By necessity, some excellent works were omitted – such as Churchill’s outstanding six volume history of World War II – but the list is comprehensive and covers each branch of the U.S. military. If one undertakes to read the entire list, I expect it would be about a 10-year project. However, familiarity with this material should be invaluable to any officer preparing to attend a war college,” said Skelton.

Skelton, who serves as Ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), was chairman of the HASC’s Panel on Professional Military Education in 1987-88. Skelton is currently the Ranking Democrat on the HASC’s Panel on Professional Military Education, which was reconstituted during the 108th Congress.

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Attachments:

- (1) Skelton’s National Security Book List
- (2) Skelton’s National Security Book List with reviews

Congressman Ike Skelton (D-MO) serves as Ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee. For further information, please contact Lara Battles or Whitney Frost at (202)225-2876, or check Congressman Skelton’s web site at <http://www.house.gov/skelton>.