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# Greetings



On behalf of the board, staff, and leadership, and as Co-Chairs of the Planning Committee for the 25th Anniversary of the FDR Memorial, organized by the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee (FDR Committee), we are proud to share with you a commemorative book of our anniversary events from May 10th and 11th hosted by Jonathan Capehart, opinion writer, *The Washington Post*, and anchor, “The Sunday Show with Jonathan Capehart” on MSNBC.

As you enjoy these memories, we encourage you to continue your support for this historic anniversary and the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee. Support of the FDR Committee provides an opportunity for you to not only attach yourself to this historic and iconic Memorial, but it’s also an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions around the Memorial, its impact, and what more we can do to ensure that it is a lasting dedication, not only to President Roosevelt, but to the millions who visit the Memorial each year.

As you will see throughout the following pages, our special guests included members of Congress, past and present, journalists, leaders in academia, the disability community, and international allies.

Sincerely,



*Tom Harkin*

U.S. Senator Tom Harkin  
(Retired)



*James Roosevelt, Jr.*

James Roosevelt, Jr., Esq.

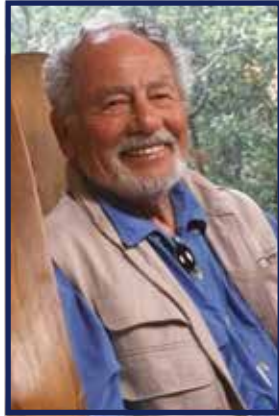
# History of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial



1955

The FDR Memorial Commission was established to plan for the design, construction, and location of the FDR Memorial.

1974  
Lawrence Halprin selected by the FDR Memorial Commission to design the Memorial.



1995

Disability organizations call for FDR's disability to be depicted in the Memorial.

1997  
FDR Memorial dedicated by President Bill Clinton.



2001

The Prologue Room, containing the FDR wheelchair statue is added to the Memorial.



President Bill Clinton, First Lady Hillary Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore at the 1997 dedication of the Memorial.



Peter Kovler, right, presents thank you gift to Gordon and Llura Gund for their generous contribution to the campaign to include the statue of FDR in his wheelchair.



President Bill Clinton speaks at the dedication ceremony in 2001 of the Prologue Room which included the statue of FDR in his wheelchair.



President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, alongside Alan Reich, President of NOD, admires the Braille plaque located inside the bookstore at the FDR Memorial.



# History of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

**Funds for the Memorial, which was first dedicated  
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Lester S. Hyman, Carl Levin, Jerry Lewis, David B. Roosevelt, Jack W. Theimer

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# History of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial - Artists

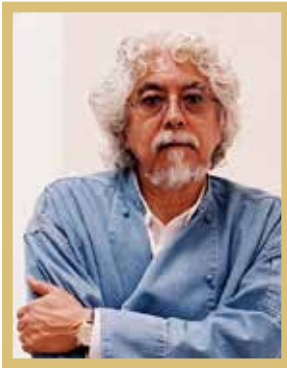


**Lawrence Halprin**, Landscape Architect for the FDR Memorial

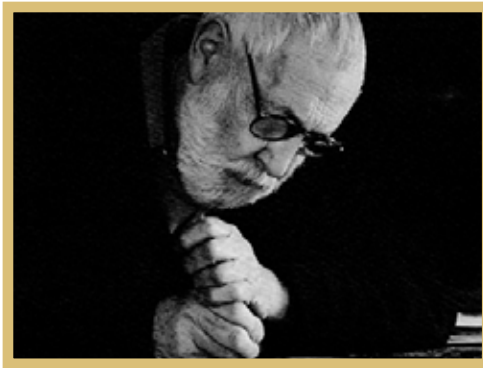
In 1974 Halprin was selected by the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission to design a 7.5-acre site along the edge of the Tidal Basin, adjacent to the National Mall. He created four outdoor rooms, organized in a sequence to tell the story of the U.S. during the four terms of Roosevelt's presidency. The rooms (built of red granite) and water features escalate in complexity as the narrative progresses. Twenty-one inscriptions of Roosevelt's words are carved into the granite walls.

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## Artists and Sculptors



**Robert Graham**



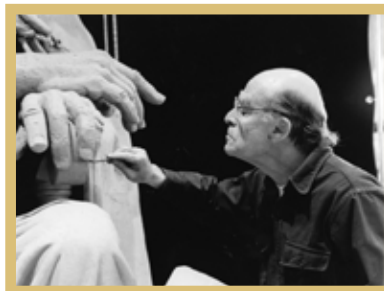
**Leonard Baskin**



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**John Benson**

# 25th Anniversary Events



## May 10, 2022 Panel Discussion on the FDR Memorial - A Reflection on the Past and a Plan for the Future

Hosted by Jonathan Capehart, *The Washington Post*, MSNBC

Panelists Included: U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (Retired); Valerie Jarrett, CEO, Obama Foundation; David Woolner, Ph.D. Senior Fellow and Resident Historian, Roosevelt Institute; Mary Eileen Dolan, Co-Founder and Executive Director, FDR Memorial Legacy Committee

Remarks from: Ambassador Anniken Ramberg Krutnes, Kingdom of Norway

Venue: U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC

Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKfmZggdZ1g&t=10s>

## 2022 Invite



## 25th Anniversary Events - Speech Excerpts

### Ambassador Anniken Ramberg Krutnes, Kingdom of Norway

“The FDR Memorial represents a time in history for the United States, and of course, for Norway as well. It also reflects the importance of equality and full participation for people with disabilities. To this day, Franklin D. Roosevelt remains an inspiration to people all over the world -- a reminder to stand firm in the face of tyranny, refuse to give up in hard times, and be proud of our differences. As you might know, or not know, Norway has a very special connection to America’s 32nd president. In 1940, when the Nazis invaded Norway, the King Olav V and his son went into exile in London. But Olav’s wife, Crown Princess Martha and their three children, did not go to London. They, in the interest of safety, accepted President Roosevelt’s invitation to come to the United States. After arriving in the U.S., Martha and her three children - including our King today - were welcomed to the White House, where they stayed for a few weeks. And the little family actually lived in the DC area until 1945, when the War was over and they could go back to Norway. During this period, Martha and President Roosevelt developed a strong friendship. Some of you may have seen the series *Atlantic Crossing*, and that is a fictionalized version of it, but it is true that they had a strong friendship and met often. I just checked, and during the four and a half years that she stayed there, they met 248 times in person. I calculated - that’s like once a week!

And they shared a robust sense of humor, they visited one another’s homes - she was in Camp David, she spent Christmas in the White House - they discussed the progress of the War. And I know that Martha received news from London every time she was going to see the president. So she worked as a diplomat.

There’s a statue outside of my home, if you go, on Massachusetts Avenue. You will spot Nelson Mandela, he does like that; Winston Churchill, like that; and then there’s Martha, and she’s waving. She’s the only lady on Mass Avenue, until I moved in, so that’s a good thing.”





## 25th Anniversary Events - Speech Excerpts



### **Valerie Jarrett**, CEO of the Obama Foundation

“I think we as adults have a responsibility to educate our children accurately, fully, and inclusively, and that not just some stories deserve to be told, but that all stories that make up our nation deserve to be told. And I think we should not underestimate our young people’s ability to get comfortable feeling uncomfortable. So for us to celebrate the incredible life and legacy of FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt completely, and not hide parts of them that actually turn out to be part of his magic superpower... I think is so important for all of our young people to learn.

And so I want to thank you all for all the work that you’ve put into creating this incredible legacy because we do stand on their shoulders. And hopefully, when all of our young people have a better appreciation for his life, and we can’t take that for granted, because they don’t know as much as they should. And if it makes them squirm a little when they hear the full story, so be it. That’s what will help them grow and have a better understanding of us all.”

### **Mary E. Dolan**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee

“Making more elements of the FDR and Eleanor legacy accessible to larger populations and making it turnkey so that when you go to the FDR Memorial, you can also start a conversation about the Holocaust and follow up with a visit to the Holocaust Museum, or vice-versa, or as I mentioned, Mary McLeod Bethune and the Black Cabinet. That absolutely should get married together. Visiting also the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism after you’ve been to the FDR Memorial or vice-versa. There are so many elements of the FDR Memorial that speak to today’s generation, and it is us educators who need to infuse that, and that new energy and the educators need help. And I’d say that’s one thing that we always need to keep in mind -- bricks and mortar can build these memorials, but when you get that busload of kids marching through the memorial, you gotta have some good stories to tell in order to keep them engaged. So that’s where we need to make sure that we are putting our focus on.”



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**David Woolner, Ph.D.** Senior Fellow and Resident Historian, Roosevelt Institute

“Well, I think the memorial, you know, is a wonderful, wonderful memorial. I think in many respects, the four rooms with the Depression, the transition into the War, and so forth, it does a wonderful job of capturing the essence of that generation, the spirit of that generation that lived through the Great Depression and World War II. And especially now that the wheelchair is in there. I remember that debate; it was a very intense debate, a very public debate about whether or not the President should be depicted in a wheelchair. And it was a wonderful day when that happened. And I was there for the unveiling of that particular moment as well.”

### U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (Retired)

“What I did was I framed my dad’s WPA card. And I put it right by my door. So that every time I walked out to go vote, I saw that WPA card. And it reminded me of why I’m there. And so that WPA card is now in my office at the Harkin Institute at the University in Des Moines. But let me just close on this. My father loved Franklin Roosevelt. And I can remember as a young boy after World War II, that my father always talked about Roosevelt in just, I don’t know what kind of terms, I would say reverential terms. He said it took a crippled man to lead a crippled country. Today we don’t use those words. But I guess we would say it took a disabled man to lead a disabled country. And that’s how my father thought of Franklin Roosevelt. So you can see why I became a Roosevelt fan at an early age.”



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U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (Retired) Greeting Guests



Jim Roosevelt (right), with Prof Arlene King-Berry, Member, FDR Committee Board, and FDR Committee Education Consultants Donna Catapano (left) and Dr. Rosalie Boone (center)



Mary E. Dolan, U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (Retired), Valerie Jarrett, David Woolner, Jonathan Capehart

A full transcript can be found on the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee website at [www.fdrmemoriallegacy.com/news/25AnniversaryNews/](http://www.fdrmemoriallegacy.com/news/25AnniversaryNews/)

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# 25th Anniversary Cocktail Reception on May 10, 2022



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Hosted by James Roosevelt, Jr., Esq. and U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (Retired)

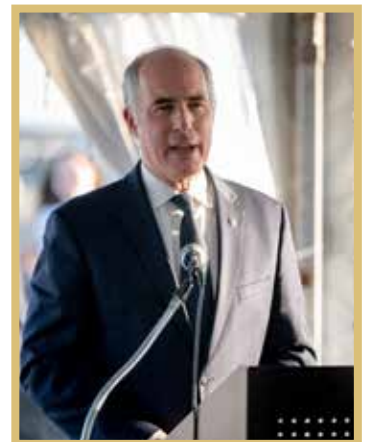
Emcee: Jonathan Capehart, *The Washington Post*, MSNBC

Venue: The Terrace at 101 Constitution, Washington, DC

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### U.S. Senator Bob Casey, Jr., (D-PA)

“I stand here tonight to start with a note of gratitude. Thank you to so many of you who labor in the vineyards every day of the disability community, working so hard on behalf of those, giving folks in this audience and well beyond a voice. I’m so grateful to be with you, and I appreciate the help you give me.”



**Jane S. Deland**, Co-Founder and Vice Chair, FDR Memorial Legacy Committee, and Widow of Mike Deland, former Chairman of the National Organization on Disability (NOD) who led the campaign to add the statue of FDR in a wheelchair

“While fighting for the disability depiction at the FDR Memorial, Mike was often quoted saying “it would be unconscionable that schoolchildren were to go to the memorial and not know that President Roosevelt led the nation from a wheelchair.”

Mike knew that the memorial was a tribute to the past, but more importantly, a source of inspiration for the future.”

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**Carlos Avila**, Secretary of the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee Board of Directors, Bilingual Multicultural Education Program Specialist, New Mexico Public Education Department

“I was really drawn to this committee because as a disabled child, I never knew that FDR even led from a wheelchair. I never learned that in school. When Senator Harkin was talking about that, I was thinking, that’s me because I never learned that until I was in high school and college and got that information. I got to see the memorial in person, which was really awesome, last summer. So, really, I know that with FDR’s New Deal and the initiatives of infrastructure, I got to learn that he did a lot of cool things and initiatives like the -- I’m sorry, the Biology Building of New Mexico State University, as well as other technological advances for the WPA that really centered our work. As a former teacher and now working at the Department of Education supporting districts at large, I think it’s really important that we support a culturally and linguistically relevant education for our students so they can see themselves reflected in the curriculum. As my favorite author says, Brene Brown: To see and be seen, is the truest nature of love. And students deserve the chance to hear narratives that speak to them and see themselves reflected in their curriculum. As I stand before you all, I think we can only do this and truly be inclusive when we support people who look different and have different abilities to really thrive in this society.”



**Steven Graham and Jim Dickson**



**Reception Attendees**

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**Helena Berger**, Chair of the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee Board of Directors; former CEO and President, American Association of People with Disabilities

“The very existence of the FDR Committee, as well as today’s and tomorrow’s 25th anniversary events, would not be possible without the very generous support from our lead sponsors, Judy and Peter Kovler, Llura and Gordon Gund Foundation, and Jane Deland.

The FDR Committee’s board and staff extend a heartfelt thanks for all of your support. And a huge thanks to all the supporters and funders here tonight. I know there are many of you here in the room. Again, a huge thank you for your support.

I would also like to thank our 25th anniversary planning committee co-chairs, once again, Jim Roosevelt, Senator Harkin. And our emcee for this evening, Jonathan Capehart. He has been so generous with his time.

Here is a man who clearly doesn’t sleep, based on his work at *The Washington Post* and MSNBC, and if any of you are a fan like I am of the *Newshour* on Friday nights, you get to see Jonathan once again. So Jonathan, thank you for being here.

I also want to thank tonight’s event planners, that’s Mida Associates, for doing a phenomenal job. And of course the FDR Committee staff, especially our executive director, Mary Dolan who has worked tirelessly building the organization over the past years. Mary, when we started on this journey together over two years ago, I don’t think we imagined this.

It’s a wonderful culmination of hard work, vision, and perseverance, and again, I want to thank you and all of the staff.”



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**U.S. Senator Tom Harkin  
(Retired)**



**Regan Linton, James Roosevelt, Jr., Esq. and  
David Woolner Ph.D.**



**Mary E. Dolan and Guests**



**Dr. I. King Jordan, Carlos Avila  
and ASL Interpreter**

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# May 11, 2022 FDR Memorial Anniversary Commemoration



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Special Guests: U.S. Speaker Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (Retired), James Roosevelt, Jr., Esq., and Jonathan Capehart

Remarks from: Ambassador Dame Karen Pierce, Ambassador from Britain to the United States

Venue: FDR Memorial, 1850 West Basin Drive SW, Washington, DC

Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S45t2X2cn4A&t=3127s>

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Thank you to Mrs. Shaunika Garba's 7th grade social studies students from the DC Public School Browne Education Campus for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.





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**Jeff Reinbold**, Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks

“Today, we also acknowledge the accessibility advocates who pushed for the addition of a fifth room to the memorial in 2001, a prologue room, to show the president’s disability. I’d like to acknowledge Mary Dolan and the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee for continuing to champion accessibility improvements and education, and for their work in putting together today’s observance. Last week, we unveiled accessibility improvements throughout the memorial that include new exhibits and signage. The exhibits present information in multiple ways, including text and graphics, and audio.

You also see that we are testing new outdoor waysides that include audio descriptions and touchable representations of some of the memorial features, and our website has also been upgraded with enhanced content and audio-described tours for accessibility. We’re excited that the work here at FDR is part of a much larger investment that the National Park Service is making. It will be \$20 million in accessibility improvements in the coming months and years. And for those of you who are in DC, you will soon see new crosswalks, new intersections that meet accessibility standards, renovated elevators at our icons, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Replacement of the park’s 1,000 benches, and outdoor exhibits, with new accessible versions. All of this is to make the Mall more universally accessible by the celebration of the 250th anniversary of American independence in 2026, and the work here at the FDR Memorial is a signature project in that effort and the work to come.”



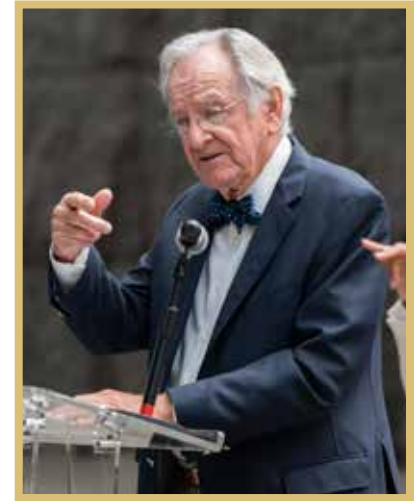
**James Roosevelt, Jr., Esq. and Ambassador Dame Karen Pierce**



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## U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (Retired)

“The other two people were not in Congress but were crucial to getting the memorial. Alan Reich, former director of National Organization on Disability and Mike Deland. They were crucial in advocating to members of Congress and members of the Roosevelt family to have a sculpture of President Roosevelt in a wheelchair. Alan Reich spearheaded the fundraising effort of about \$2 million to get this sculpture. Interestingly, while Senators Inouye and Hatfield were initially opposed to changing the plans and adding the sculpture, they changed their minds after the efforts of Alan and Mike to get public support for the sculpture. Both Inouye and Hatfield became supporters of adding the sculpture, and Inouye introduced Senate joint Resolution 199 in 1997, which passed in one day, to add the sculpture. I said six individuals. I’m going to add a seventh after talking to Peter Kovler this morning. I just learned something that I did not know, and that is that Carl Levin was speaking to Larry Halprin, the designer of this memorial, and evidently, Larry Halprin said something about he was concerned something wasn’t for children. And Carl said, how about Fala? So the dog is here because of Carl! So that’s why I say now there are seven individuals we have to thank for bringing this to fruition. And so I’ll say seven, and I’ll add Carl Levin.”



## Ambassador Dame Karen Pierce, Ambassador from Britain to the United States

“As we heard from Mr. Roosevelt and Senator Harkin, in this truly beautiful and fitting setting with all its fantastic access and such an important precedent for monuments everywhere. But it’s particularly personally relevant, because I was first posted here when President Clinton was elected in 1992, and the commission for the memorial was getting going, and the campaign and the funding were getting going. And the British embassy had the honor to make a contribution. More importantly, the late Queen Mother, also called Queen

Elizabeth, made a personal contribution in recognition of the friendship that FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt had shown to her personally and to King George VI when they came to America on a visit before the war, but also for all the solidarity throughout the Second World War. So thank you, America, for this president, who has done so much to forge transatlantic bonds. I think I could say that FDR, as well as a visionary, he embodied the transatlantic relationship. I think he’d be proud to see how deep, extensive, profound, and successful the relationship between the U.S. and the U.K. has become.”

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### James Roosevelt, Jr., Esq.

“When it came time for the dedication here, President Clinton had to call together the disability advocates and the advocates for this memorial, and reach an agreement, in his particular way, which was, let’s sit down and talk about it until we’ve got it settled. And they did! And that led to a wonderful dedication, but also the appointment of a new commission to agree on -- it wasn’t just that there should be a wheelchair in the memorial. It was, where should it be? It was not a foregone conclusion that it would be in a room of its own. It was not a foregone conclusion that it could be here at the entrance.

There were many questions like that. And then, who should carry out that creative assignment? I had the honor and the great privilege of being appointed to that commission by President Clinton. And we had the good

fortune on the commission that Lawrence Halprin was still active, so we began by working with him. That was important to us, because we did not want to violate the artistic approach. The artistic approach and the great success that he had achieved in this design. So we got to work with him, and he was very supportive of finding the right way to do this. And the first thing that we had to spend a good bit of time on was, where was it? Was it by itself? Was it in the midst of one of the other rooms? Was it in the setback of the first administration, since he came in to the administration in his wheelchair? And we reached an agreement that this should be the setting. Then the question was, who should be the sculptor? And we, again, met with Lawrence Halprin and discussed among ourselves, and we basically all -- we reached a unanimous agreement, but it was Lawrence Halprin who said to us, there are a number of artists you can consider, some of whom have done various pieces in the memorial, but he said, let’s start with Robert Graham, and there are four or five other people, and there’s Robert Graham! So we unanimously voted for Robert Graham. And worked, then, with Mr. Graham for quite a few weeks, as he tried out different approaches and sketches and so on. And finally, an agreement on his concept was brought to us, and we all thought it was wonderful.”



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**Peter Kovler**, Chairman of the Board of Judy and Peter Blum Kovler Foundation, leading benefactor of the FDR Memorial

“Even after 25 years of countless visits to this memorial, plus six preceding years of visits when this was simply one big massive construction site, I still find it humbling to be here. How humbling as well to be at this sacred space -- I use the word “sacred” guardedly - one equally sacred to the country, in my opinion, to the physical memorialization of our two other presidents -- the temple to Abraham Lincoln, and our monument right out there to George Washington. Adding in the fact that we are here at this critical and existential moment, so close to the celebration of VE Day in Europe, this thing called Victory Day in Russia, so close to the current war in Europe, and just two days after President Biden has signed a Lend-Lease Act, obviously inspired by Franklin Roosevelt.”



**Peter Kovler Greets U.S. Speaker Pelosi**



**Judy and Peter Kovler**



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### Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi

“Now, my father was a New Deal Democrat, got elected in 1938, worshiped at the shrine of Franklin Roosevelt. Worshiped at the shrine. And he had a first lady testify, Eleanor Roosevelt, I have a picture in my office, you’ve seen it, of Eleanor Roosevelt testifying before the subcommittee on appropriations that dealt with St. Elizabeth’s welfare hospitals. So the issues, and Eleanor Roosevelt’s role in all of this, is of course not to be underestimated. My father not only worshiped Franklin Roosevelt politically and governmentally and patriotically, personally, he named my older brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt Dalessandro. There aren’t too many Italians with that name! It’s fitting that we sit at this wheelchair statue which captures the president’s poise, resilience, and strength. In preparation for the memorial’s dedication 25 years ago, there was a moment of great pride for us in Congress to cast our vote for the legislation directing the construction of this important addition. And with the wheelchair statue, our nation embraced one of the greatest truths that Franklin Roosevelt, among other things, taught us: We respect people for what they can do, not judge them for what they cannot. Congress and the country are deeply grateful to the FDR Memorial Legacy Committee, to all of you, for the work to ensure that every American can visit this beautiful place. Thank you, Mr. Reinbold, for what you said earlier, and for the guidance you gave us from the Park Service for keeping it so beautiful. Indeed, it is extraordinarily moving to think of the countless children with disabilities who will visit our nation’s capital and bear witness to this great American hero in a wheelchair. In a wheelchair. And in this statue, will not only see themselves as an integral piece of America’s past but an invaluable part of our future. Again, respecting them for what they can do. As Eleanor Roosevelt explained in a quote inscribed behind this statue, President Roosevelt’s disability was part of his superpower, she said. Franklin’s illness gave him strength and courage he had not had before. She said he had to think out the fundamentals of living and learn the greatest of all lessons -- infinite patience and never-ending persistence, strength, courage, patience, persistence. An all-American spirit embodied by an all-American hero, who, as you all know, rescued our nation from the depths of the Great Depression, expanded the promise of economic security for a new generation, and rallied the world to confront a murderous tyrant who sought to conquer his neighbors and dismantle democracy. Indeed, in the darkest hours, Franklin Delano Roosevelt offered a pillar of resilience, a beacon of hope to the world.”



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**Jonathan Capehart, *The Washington Post*, MSNBC**

“And the parallels between then and now are really bold. The fight for democracy versus autocracy, but also, the conversation around race, and inclusion, in this country that took place in the FDR era. I’m trying to remember who told the story -- maybe it was Dr. Woolner who told the story of the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt, whose legacy we cannot forget when talking about the four terms of FDR -- but when she visited Tuskegee -- because of her visit to Tuskegee, that’s how the Tuskegee Airmen was formed, because she visited these pilots and flew with them and took photographs with them, at a time when that was beyond controversial. That is the legacy of Eleanor and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. So it’s amazing to think about where we are as a nation right now, how far we’ve come, and how far we have yet to go. But I do believe very much in this country, and I do believe that we

will get through this, and we’ll get through this together. Thank you all very, very much for coming to this 25th anniversary celebration.”



**Jonathan Capehart Tweets**

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The Trust for the National Mall Tweet

U.S. Speaker Pelosi Tweet



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**Scott Slocum, Jane Deland  
and Steven Graham**



**Bob Williams and U.S. Senator  
Tom Harkin (Retired)**



**Helena Berger, Judy Kovler, Peter Kovler  
and Dr. I. King Jordan**



**Mary E. Dolan**

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