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Former Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee Ike Skelton Issues Statement on Death of Osama bin Laden

Husch Blackwell Partner Ike Skelton issues this statement in response to the death of Osama bin Laden:

On 9/11, I went to the Pentagon while the fires were still burning and witnessed the destruction brought about by Osama bin Laden and his fellow international criminals. Now Osama bin Laden's death should have a chilling effect on other al-Qaida members because they must know they are next. It makes me proud, humbled and awed to know the last thing Osama bin Laden saw on this Earth was a trained, armed, ready and willing member of the United States military. God bless America.

Skelton served in the U.S. House from 1977 to 2011, including service during his last four years as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Today, he practices law and lectures on defense issues. A Democrat, Skelton is a native Missourian who was first urged to run for Congress by President Harry S Truman.