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Congress authorized the creation of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial in 1934 to honor the individual most accepted as having been the political philosopher of the American Revolution. Construction of the Jefferson Memorial was completed between 1933 and 1943. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the chief proponent for building the memorial attended the 1943 dedication ceremony. Like Jefferson's home, Monticello, the design of the Memorial is based on the Roman Pantheon. The exterior of the monument is made of Vermont Imperial Danby marble. Interior walls are Georgia White marble; the floor Tennessee pink marble; and the ceiling Indiana limestone. Standing in the center of the circular chamber is the statue by Rudolph Evans surrounded by four walls with excerpts of Jefferson's writings.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

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