

Best Selling Author & West Virginia Native, Homer Hickam Statement on the passing of Cecil Underwood

(Huntsville, AL) Homer Hickam, best-selling author and West Virginia native, has released the following statement following the passing of former West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood:

Nov. 25, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- I am saddened by the passing of Governor Underwood. Not only was he one of West Virginia's greatest governors, he was also a great personal friend. Governor Underwood was also my father's favorite governor and no one was a better judge of a man's character. West Virginians are poorer today because of this loss but we also know we had amongst us, if only for a little while, a truly great man with heart and vision. May we be lucky enough to get other such men and women to lead us in the future.

Several Hickam novels take place in West Virginia, including the New York Times #1 best seller ROCKET BOYS (which was made into the movie OCTOBER SKY), THE COALWOOD WAY, SKY OF STONE, WE ARE NOT AFRAID and his latest RED HELMET, which is set in the coalfields of Southern West Virginia.

To arrange for an interview with Mr. Hickam, please contact Burke Allen at Allen Media Strategies at (703) 589-8960 or burke@allenmediastrategies.com.

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