

## **OPENING COMMENTS: Calvin Mackie -Introduction**

Dr. Mackie's beginnings were humble, but his achievements are not. He defied the odds of his upbringing to become an inventor, an author, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering at Tulane University, and a mesmerizing speaker who quite literally has changed the course of individual lives. Today, he speaks to students, business executives, and educational leaders about the opportunities and possibilities open to anyone courageous enough to confront social, economic, and self-imposed barriers to success. Humor, Interaction and Authenticity trademark his high-energy presentations which are always powerful, heart-to-heart and mind-to-mind.

He teaches all of us to get past our self-doubts by walking straight through the path of passion, hard work, and simply paying attention.

He reminds us that our lives are the result of our choices, and that we can be more than we are, and that possessions are such a small, small part of the story.

He comforts and encourages us through our pain, and lets us know that he's been there, too. He's one who knows what it's like to get from point A to a victorious point B through toils and snares. He understands.

He gives time, wisdom, talent, and access in abundance to those who want to be more than they are.

He's an engineering professor, inventor, author, and sought-after speaker who is proudest of his roles as husband, father, son, brother, and friend.

He has won numerous awards including the 2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, which recognizes outstanding leadership in the effort to expand educational opportunities for women, minorities, and the disabled.

Ladies and gentlemen, I introduce to some and present to others, Dr. Calvin Mackie.

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## **CLOSING COMMENTS: AFTER SPEECH**

Remind Audience that Mackie will be selling and SIGNING his New Book, "A VIEW FROM THE ROOF". DIRECT them to the LOCATION where Dr. Mackie will be stationed. THIS should be done VERY Enthusiastically.