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Comments of the Honorable John A. Love  
Governor of the State of Colorado  
Upon the Opening of the Troy Public Library

A public library is the first resource of a free people. We need only to look to the history of Nazi Germany in our own century to remember that the first act of the tyrant is to destroy the people's accumulated sources of knowledge; the brief years of the Third Reich, which grew from the ashes of the German Reichstag and the proscribed, burned books, was the ugliest period of human history.

Western civilization is a fragile structure, dependent alike upon faith, wisdom, and good will. But beneath the fragility of the structure itself there is the most fundamental of all human aspirations: the will to be free. Freedom is based on knowledge, just as wisdom is based on learning; it is here, in your library, that children of the City of Troy can realize the grandeur of the legacy of liberty which the American people cherish more than any other human institution.

As Governor, and on behalf of the people of Colorado, I extend congratulations to the City of Troy on the occasion of the completion of the library, and our best wishes to all the citizens who have built, and who will come, to this place of inspiration and meditation.

Sincerely,

John A. Love