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**PAYING TRIBUTE TO REVEREND HOLMES ROLSTON III -- HON. SCOTT McINNIS**  
**(Extensions of Remarks -- April 30, 2003)**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**  
**OF COLORADO**  
**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Wednesday, April 30, 2003**

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to inform this body of a brilliant man from my home state.

The Reverend Holmes Rolston III, a philosophy professor at Colorado State University, is the winner of this year's Templeton Prize. The award recognizes research and discoveries that advances the understanding of God and spiritual realities. In winning this prestigious award, Reverend Rolston joins such luminaries as Mother Teresa, Billy Graham, and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

Holmes grew up poor in rural Virginia in a home without running water or electricity. From that humble beginning, he rose to become what many consider the father of environmental ethics. Along the way he has lectured on all seven continents, written books that are used as texts at more than 150 universities, and co-founded the leading journal in his field, "Environmental Ethics."

Even though he has degrees in physics, theology, and philosophy, he still -- at the age of 70 -- sits in on science classes. Learning is so important to this professor that he plans to donate his prize, which is worth more than \$1 million, to establish an endowed chair in science and religion at his alma mater.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Holmes has distinguished himself as a professor, theologian, ethicist, environmentalist and philanthropist. He is not only a model citizen, but also an inspiration to his students, peers, and the community. It is an honor and a privilege to inform this body of his achievements. Congratulations on winning the Templeton Prize, Reverend Holmes, and best of luck with your future endeavors.