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OBAMA TO SEND WREATH TO COOLIDGE GRAVESITE ON JULY 4th. NEW BIOGRAPHY OF COOLIDGE ANNOUNCED. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CAL!

Plymouth Notch VT (June 30th 2009) – Calvin Coolidge, whom scholars have called the most underrated American President, would have turned 137 on our nation’s 233rd birthday. President Obama will have a wreath laid at Coolidge’s gravesite in Plymouth Notch, Vermont on his birth date, July 4th, which coincides with HarperCollins Publishers announcement that Amity Shlaes will write the definitive biography of America’s thirtieth president.

Amity Shlaes, whose recent book *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression* spent twenty-six weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, has contracted to write *Coolidge* scheduled for publication in 2011. Miss Shlaes, a National Advisory Board member of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Coolidge project. She reveals that in good measure because of Coolidge, the 1920’s was a decade of common sense, optimism, and tremendous economic growth. In examining Coolidge’s lasting achievements as well as his shortcomings, the book illuminates his personal life and political legacy as never before.



President Coolidge’s words on Independence Day in 1926 resonate today: “At the end of 150 years the four corners of the earth unite in coming to Philadelphia as to a holy shrine in grateful acknowledgement of a service so great, which a few inspired men here rendered to humanity, that is still the preeminent support of free government throughout the world.”



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Tim Duggan, VP and Executive Editor, Harper said “Amity Shlaes has an uncanny ability to shed new light on history in a way that speaks to our present moment. This book is as much a biography of the 1920’s as it is a biography of Calvin Coolidge, and it makes for an extraordinary, eye-opening story of a man and an era that are more relevant now than ever.” The book is based on original archival research and will be the defining chronicle of one of America’s most influential presidents.

Amity Shlaes is a senior fellow in economic history at the Council on Foreign Relations and a syndicated columnist at Bloomberg News. She also writes for Forbes. She is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Forgotten Man* and has written for the *Financial Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, where she was an editorial board member. Over the years she has also written in *New Yorker*, *Fortune*, *National Review*, *The New Republic*, and *Foreign Affairs*. She lives in New York.

About Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation:

The Mission of Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation is “*to open the eyes of the world to Calvin Coolidge.*” Its National Advisory Board increases the public awareness and support for the Foundation’s initiatives “*to become the gateway to all things Coolidge.*” Our not-for-profit Foundation was established in 1960 in part to redress the fact that there is no federally-funded presidential library for Calvin Coolidge, our 30th U.S. President. The Foundation offices are located in Plymouth Notch, Vermont, an historic hamlet on the U.S. Department of Interior’s registry of National Historic Landmarks, which was Calvin Coolidge’s birthplace. You can visit Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation on the Internet at <http://www.calvin-coolidge.org>
