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## **Kasey Pipes to Present Lecture on New Book**

Kasey S. Pipes, former speechwriter for California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will present a lecture, "Ike in Black and White: How Ike Became a Civil Rights Pioneer," based on his new book, *Ike's Final Battle: The Road to Little Rock and the Challenges of Equality*, in the Library auditorium at the Eisenhower Center, Abilene, Kansas, at 7 p.m. on April 18. Following the lecture, he will sign books that will be for sale that evening.

Pipes will explore Eisenhower's struggle with the civil rights issues that faced the United States from his military career, through the presidency, and how he dealt with the racial discrimination that plagued America. The "final battle" occurred in Little Rock, Arkansas, in September 1957, when Eisenhower, according to Pipes, "broke the back of segregationists in one of the most dramatic, most compelling and most important civil rights battles ever waged."

Kasey Pipes has worked in various positions on Capitol Hill, served in the President George W. Bush White House, and was the chief author of the 2004 National Republican Party Platform. He now serves as President of the Pipes Company, a Texas based corporate communications consulting firm.

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