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GOVERNOR L. DOUGLAS WILDER TO SPEAK AT ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD

BOSTON (June 22, 2011) — Road Scholar is pleased to announce that the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder will be the featured speaker on its *Taste of Road Scholar* event taking place on Martha's Vineyard on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at historic Shearer Cottage in Oak Bluffs.

L. Douglas Wilder's career in public service spans 40 years. As a state senator representing Richmond from 1969 to 1985, Wilder became the first African American state senator in Virginia since Reconstruction. He was then the first African American to be elected governor in the U.S., leading the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1990 to 1994. He later served as mayor of Richmond from 2005 until 2009.

The evening event featuring Wilder is a special highlight of a three-night program titled [*Historical Diversity and Current Life on Martha's Vineyard*](#). The program includes interactions with local business owners, an island author, and a discussion with a former Wampanoag Indian chief for a look at the island's distinct and diverse history.

"It's an honor to have Governor Wilder with us this summer," says Kathy Taylor, associate vice president of community development at Road Scholar. "A *Taste of Road Scholar* celebrates a small piece of African American history through the voice of our guest speaker. As the first elected African American governor — with countless other achievements — Governor Wilder holds a special place in history. We look forward to welcoming him to the Vineyard."

For more information, call toll free at (877) 426-8056 or visit www.roadscholar.org.

About Elderhostel and Road Scholar

Road Scholar is the name for the programs developed and offered by Elderhostel, Inc., the not-for-profit world leader in lifelong learning since 1975. Our mission is to empower adults to explore the world's places, peoples, cultures and ideas, and in so doing to discover more about themselves. A fellowship of learning and the joy of discovery are the hallmarks of the Road Scholar experience.

Road Scholar programs bring together instructors and participants from diverse backgrounds to foster dynamic interaction, engaging discourse and warm camaraderie. In a world that seems to shrink smaller by the day because of technology, we believe that true insight and understanding are still sparked by hands-on experience and open discussions that stimulate the senses, energize the body and challenge the mind. We are committed to

continually developing new program destinations, topics and formats to reflect the shifting realities and emerging trends of our ever-changing world.

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