



## News Release

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### ***Tulsa's Clifton L. Taulbert Selected for Global Ties U.S. 2017 Citizen Diplomat Award***

February 7, 2017—Washington, DC-based [Global Ties U.S.](#), a nonprofit partner of the U.S. Department of State, will present its highest honor, the Citizen Diplomat Award, to Clifton L. Taulbert of Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Citizen Diplomacy luncheon on February 10.

The Citizen Diplomat Award honors individuals and institutions for outstanding achievements in furthering the cause of international understanding and global engagement. Notable past recipients include Senator J. William Fulbright (1987), John Richardson, a founder of the U.S. Institute of Peace (1990), and poet and activist Maya Angelou (1993). This honor recognizes individuals who use their talents, time, and resources as a force for connecting ordinary people across national borders—building bridges between individuals that foster understanding and education to bring peace and prosperity to the world.

Taulbert has served on the advisory board of Tulsa Global Alliance, was a keynote presenter at Global Ties U.S.' spring 2016 Regional Summit, *Diplomacy Begins Here*, hosted by Tulsa Global Alliance at Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum.

Taulbert, an American author, entrepreneur, consultant and speaker, has committed his life to helping others work together around a common cause. Honored throughout the U.S., Mexico, China, Europe, Japan, South Africa and the Middle East as a gifted writer of warm, honest and heartfelt stories, Taulbert is best known for his books *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored* and *Eight Habits of the Heart: Embracing the Values that Build Strong Communities*.

*Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored* was among the first books provided to former South African President, Nelson Mandela upon his release from prison. Through his writing--now fourteen books--and his lectures around the globe, including the Assembly Hall of the United Nations, Clifton Taulbert works to build and strengthen inclusive and collaborative communities in all sectors both in the U.S. and abroad.

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***About Tulsa Global Alliance:***

*Tulsa Global Alliance is a non-profit volunteer organization that connects people, companies, families, organizations and students from Tulsa and Oklahoma with the rest of the world. Building a global community for more than 40 years, TGA understands the importance of fostering connections between people around the world. Click [here](#) for more information.*