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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Ford and I join with the people of New York State and with all Americans who cherish a free and vigorous press in mourning the passing of Franklin Rockefeller Little.

As the owner, editor and publisher of a number of newspapers in New York, Franklin Little distinguished himself as a man who was devoted to the truth and to informing his many readers of the truth and the meaning of events -- great and small. His expert and incisive commentary on the major issues of his time was his trademark. He left his imprint, as well, on a host of endeavors for the public good.

For more than half a century, newspapering was his work, and it is now his proud legacy to those who will follow him. An outstanding public servant, a man who never lost the reporter's instinct for news, Franklin Little has left a great void in his own profession and in the State and Nation he served with such distinction.

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