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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has expressed his deep regret and sadness upon learning of the death of his friend of many years, Congressman Wright Patman.

Wright Patman's decades of outstanding service to the House of Representatives and to our Nation has served as an inspiration to all who knew and worked with him.

His dedication to principle and his tireless efforts on behalf of all our citizens will long be remembered.

The President and Mrs. Ford extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Patman and family. All of our Nation shares their loss.