RUSSELL STATEMENT:

The nation has suffered a great loss with the passing of United States Senator Richard Russell. During his 38 years of service in the Senate, Senator Russell became a National Institution, transcending partisan politics and personal ambitions to become the reigning statesman of the Senate. He was truly a patriot first and a man who had the genuine respect of all those who served with him in Congress.

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