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WHITNEY YOUNG

ALL AMERICANS OF GOOD WILL JOIN IN MOURNING WHITNEY YOUNG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN LEAGUE. HIS PREMATURE DEATH HAS CUT SHORT A LIFETIME DEDICATED TO SERVING HIS FELLOW MAN.

MR. YOUNG WAS CONSISTENTLY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FORCES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA. HIS QUIET, SELF-EFFACING MANNER BELIED A DEEP, UNCOMPROMISING DEVOTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

MANY OF WHITNEY YOUNG'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS WERE NOT GAINED IN THE PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT. HE WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH GETTING RESULTS THAN WITH GETTING PUBLICITY, AND, YEAR AFTER YEAR, HE AND HIS ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUED THEIR UPHILL BATTLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF INJUSTICE AND INTOLERANCE.

WHEN HISTORY BOOKS RECOUNT THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICA, WHITNEY YOUNG WILL STAND HIGH ON THE HONOR ROLL OF MEN AND WOMEN WHOSE SACRIFICES GAVE US ALL A BETTER FUTURE.

MY SYMPATHY, AND THE SYMPATHY OF DECENT AMERICANS OF ALL RACES GOES OUT TO THE YOUNG FAMILY. THE LOSS OF THIS COURAGEOUS, DECENT MAN IS SORELY FELT BY US ALL.