WADE H. MCCREE, JR.

Jimmy Carter*

To me, Wade McCree is a true American hero. His life has been devoted to the optimum use of his prodigious talents, always guided by an enlightened assessment of the foremost needs of his fellow human beings who have most needed his services and his protection. A man of intelligence and high principle, Wade has been an inspiration to those, like me, who have been fortunate enough to work with him.

He has served with quiet modesty in the highest levels of government and in his chosen profession, and there is no way to enumerate his monumental accomplishments. As a former President and his associate, and on behalf of the needy and vulnerable Americans whose cause he championed so effectively, I would like to express our nation's gratitude and condolences to the family of this great man.

* President of the United States, 1976-1980. This statement was read at Solicitor General McCree's Memorial Service. — Ed.