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SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN A. VOLPE SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. RACHEL ROBINSON, WIDOW OF JACKIE ROBINSON:

Like millions of sports fans throughout the world I was shocked and saddened to learn of Jackie Robinson's death. In his courageous climb to the Big Leagues and his permanent home in baseball's Hall of Fame, he became the hero of countless youngsters on city sandlots and crude country diamonds across the nation. And he showed them that with courage, skill, and determination there are no barriers to success. A trail blazer, a humanitarian, and a spokesman for justice, Jackie Robinson the man will be long remembered as well as Jackie Robinson one of the baseball greats of all time. We share your sorrow in his passing.

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