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PRESIDENT GERALD FORD REMEMBERED BY VISITORS TO CARTER LIBRARY *CONDOLENCE BOOK FILLED WITH MEMORIES AND "THANK YOUS"*

ATLANTA, GA. - Former President Gerald Ford was remembered by visitors from around the country at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library Wednesday. A condolence book that will be sent to the Ford family has been placed in the lobby of the Carter Presidential Library & Museum, allowing visitors to express their feelings to the Fords.

"God's blessing to the Ford family in your loss," a visitor from Virginia wrote. "Thank you for your leadership during our country's time of turmoil," wrote a couple from North Carolina. Others simply signed the book.

President and Mrs. Carter developed a close personal friendship with the Fords. In a statement released by the Carter Center, President Carter said "President Ford is one of the most admirable public servants and human beings I have ever known. A man of highest integrity, his life-long dedication to helping others touched the lives of countless people.... I will always cherish the personal friendship we shared. Rosalynn and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to Betty and the entire Ford family during this time of grief."

Those wishing to sign the condolence book for President Ford's family can stop by the Carter Presidential Library from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon until 4:45 p.m. on Sunday. The museum will be closed on New Years Day, Monday, January 1st. The condolence book will be available for signing through Sunday, January 7, 2007.

For more information, contact the public affairs department of the Carter Library at 404-865-7109.