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**WREATH LAYING CEREMONY TO BE HELD JULY 14
AT THE TOMB OF
PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD**

In commemoration of the 96th birthday of President Gerald R. Ford, individual wreaths from President Barack Obama, Mrs. Betty Ford, and the Ford family will be placed at President Ford's Tomb on the grounds of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan during a ceremony on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

The public is invited and welcomed by the Ford family to attend the ceremony.

The ceremony is expected to include Susan Ford Bales, daughter of President and Mrs. Ford, her husband Vaden Bales, and Major General Thomas G. Cutler, Adjutant General, Michigan National Guard.

The annual ceremony at President Ford's Tomb has been developed by Mrs. Ford and the Ford family. The family conducts the ceremony each July 14 as part of a long-standing tradition by which the President of the United States sends a wreath to the tomb of each deceased president on that president's birthday. Mrs. Ford and the Ford family also have their personal wreaths presented as part of the ceremony.

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