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**STATEMENT FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, KIRK WAGAR,
ON THE DEATH OF FOUNDING PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW**

SINGAPORE, March 23, 2015 - “I extend my deepest condolences to the Lee family and the people of Singapore on the death of founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. Lee Kuan Yew’s leadership transformed Singapore into one of the most successful and dynamic countries in the region, serving as an inspiration and a model for others in Southeast Asia and beyond. At the same time, he was instrumental in facilitating the United States’ multi-faceted presence in Asia and spurring the rapid evolution of our expanding relationship with ASEAN. Generations of U.S. leaders have benefited from his insights and he leaves as part of his lasting legacy a strong and enduring U.S.–Singapore partnership. I join with everyone in Singapore in honoring the life and memory of Lee Kuan Yew.”

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