ROSALYNN CARTER

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Dear Friends,

The passing of Dick Hunter represents the loss of one of the most loyal and ardent advocates for mental health not only in the United States but also around the globe. I was privileged to work with him for many years and always deeply admired his total commitment and quiet but steady efforts to advance mental health issues. He epitomized the values of humble service to others, honor, and compassion and respect for all people.

From his time with the National Association for Mental Health, then with the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and finally with the World Federation for Mental Health, Dick provided leadership and vision to the mental health field. One of his lasting contributions is the annual World Mental Health Day. This event has galvanized interest and stimulated action in mental health issues in more than thirty countries.

Dick will be sorely missed and his death saddens us all. But in remembering him, let us celebrate his giving spirit and a life richly blessed through devotion to family, social justice, and improving the health of all the world's citizens.

Sincerely,

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