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Statement on the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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I was deeply saddened to hear the news that Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away yesterday at the age of 87. Our country has lost a leader and a revolutionary who will not be forgotten.

As only the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg leaves behind a trail-blazing legacy, one that includes being a fierce advocate for women's rights and a champion for justice. Known as the "Notorious R.B.G." she was in many ways a cultural icon as well. She inspired a generation to be individuals, free thinkers, and stand up for what is right.

Justice Ginsburg's character and principals were on display even in her final days as she dictated to her granddaughter, "My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."

I hope those in Washington, D.C., and namely the United States Senate, heed those words and postpone rushing a new Supreme Court nominee until after the upcoming election - as was the practice under the current Senate Majority Leader during the 2016 presidential election year.

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