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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE HON P J KEATING, MP DAME PATTIE MENZIES

I was saddened to learn of the death today of Dame Pattie Menzies.

Dame Pattie was a fine Australian, a model and an inspiration to her countrymen and women.

During her marriage of over half a century to Sir Robert Menzies and in the years since his death, her concern for her fellow citizens, particularly women, and her charm and warm personality earned the deep affection of the Australian people.

Her family has accepted the Government's offer of a State Memorial Service to be held in Canberra shortly.

On behalf of the Australian Government and the Australian Labor Party I extend my sympathy to her daughter, Heather Henderson, and all her family.

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