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STATEMENT FROM BOB JOHNSON FOUNDER OF BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION ON THE DEATH OF MICHAEL JACKSON

BETHESDA, MD//June 25, 2009//As the founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), we owe a great deal of our existence to the genius of Michael Jackson who will forever be remembered as the greatest entertainer and the most dynamic force in the recording industry that the world has ever seen. This is a tragic loss that will be felt around the globe. I extend my most heartfelt sympathy to the Jackson family and his fans worldwide. He will greatly be missed.

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