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SECRETARY OF STATE
SALEM, OREGON

April 27, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMullen
Hermiston, Oregon

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McMullen:

On behalf of the State of Oregon, as custodian of its Capitol buildings and grounds, I want to express the deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your son, Floyd H. McMullen, who gave his life so heroically in the disastrous fire that destroyed the Capitol building Thursday night.

Your son exhibited untiring zeal in his efforts to prevent the further spread of flames and his courage and devotion to duty have the profound respect of not only those affected by the building's destruction but of all who learned of his self-sacrifice in the line of duty.

I am deeply grieved to know that his career, towards which he was working so ambitiously and so successfully, has closed and I extend my heartfelt sympathy to you in this great bereavement. His splendid example of manhood, loyalty and courage will be an inspiration to all who knew him.

Acknowledging for the state the debt of gratitude that we owe him and extending my personal deep sympathy for you, I am

Sincerely yours,


Secretary of State