



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Malcolm Smith

Statement By Senate President Malcolm A. Smith

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"It is with great personal sadness that myself and millions of other fans learned this evening of the passing of Michael Jackson. It is always a tragedy to lose someone at such a young age, but it is particularly difficult when children lose a parent like this. Michael transcended race and genre in his music, and brought joy to millions through his art. His contributions to the music and entertainment industry are immeasurable, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and fans across the globe at this time."