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## MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON ON THE PASSING OF ROCKY WIRTZ

"Rocky Wirtz was a champion in every sense of the word — in family, in business, in sports ownership, and most important, in life. From his stalwart leadership of the Wirtz Corporation and a multitude of corporate ventures, to the Blackhawks' miracle run of three Stanley Cup champions in six seasons, he exemplified class and excellence at every turn.

As successful as he was as a chairman and owner, however, he was an even greater man, giving a United Center security officer or parking attendant the same amount of respect he would offer a fellow magnate or CEO. That is who Rocky Wirtz was, and he will be dearly missed.

My heart is with the Wirtz family, his colleagues and the entire Blackhawks organization during this difficult time. This is a sad day, and a tremendous loss for our city."

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