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ROGER MAC BRIDE DAY

One year ago today (December 18, 1972) Roger Lea MacBride of Charlottesville, Virginia, a member of the successful slate of Nixon electors from that State, broke ranks and cast his Electoral Vote for Dr. John Hospers and Ms. Tonie Nathan, the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates of the Libertarian Party.

This perceptive man, who realized then what others discovered belatedly, explained at the time that he could not in good conscience vote for Nixon because "he has moved the government toward ever greater control over the lives of us all." Mr. MacBride, in an "attempt to put principles ahead of party politics," hoped to tell Richard Nixon that "he has lost his way."

Subsequent events have proved the wisdom of Mr. MacBride's action. At a time when the President of the United States obviously feels he is above the law and contemptuous of the ideals upon which this nation was founded, it is appropriate to honor a man of principle, Roger Lea MacBride.