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## Dear Friend,

As America honors the life of the Fortieth President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, we remember both the man and the public servant. As President Reagan lies in state under the dome of the Capitol, the American people reflect on a man of optimism, a leader of committed to freedom and a citizen who personified the American spirit of boundless ambition and achievement.

President Reagan lived a life unlike any other American president. A sports broadcaster, a movie star and a television personality, President Reagan entertained Americans with his charm, smile and warmth. He combined the skills of an actor with the determination of a pioneer to transform public life as he entered the political realm in California and finally was elected by the American people to the White House.

As President of the United States, Ronald Reagan won two large election victories in 1980 and 1984 to set this nation on a course to transform our economy and confront communism. The outcomes and consequences of his policies will be interpreted by historians for years to come, but there is no doubt President Reagan motivated a new generation of conservatives to join his crusade as well as a generation of progressives to unite in pursuit of an alternative path of action.

Our state of Minnesota had a unique relationship with President Reagan. Minnesota was the only state in the Union to never give President Reagan an electoral victory. Minnesotans stood twice with our homegrown son, but we respected the President, his skills as a communicator and his determination to elevate the American spirit.



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President Reagan lived a truly American life and, in his final years, stood hand in hand with Mrs. Reagan to encounter Alzheimer's with dignity and grace. The life of President Reagan the leader and Ronald Reagan the man will be remembered, honored and celebrated this week by Congress, the American people and people in nations around the world.

On behalf of the families of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District, we extend our prayers and sincerest condolences to Mrs. Nancy Reagan, her children and all of the family and friends of President Reagan.

Sincerely,

**Congresswoman Betty McCollum**  
**Minnesota's 4th District**

Congresswoman Betty McCollum worked with other women crew members to build a home for a low-income Minnesota family. Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program promotes the involvement of women of all backgrounds in the construction of Habitat houses. Women-built projects provide an opportunity for women to join together to address the affordable housing crisis and learn construction in a supportive environment.

More than 450 Habitat houses have been built and funded by women. For more information on helping families in need build better futures for their children, please visit [Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity](#) or [Women Build](#).

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