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RONALD REAGAN STATUE TO BE UNVEILED IN U.S. CAPITOL JUNE 3, 2009

(Simi Valley, CA) – The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is working alongside congressional leaders to plan the June 3, 2009 unveiling of a statue of President Ronald Reagan in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and House Republican Leader John Boehner have announced that they will join former first lady Nancy Reagan for this unveiling.

“As we prepare to honor President Reagan on the anniversary of his 100th birthday in 2011,” said Frederick J. Ryan, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Reagan Foundation. “I can think of no better starting point than the unveiling of President Reagan’s statue in the U.S. Capitol to honor his service as Governor of California and President of the United States.”

The Reagan statue will become part of the National Statuary Hall Collection, which is comprised of two statues donated by individual states to honor persons notable in each state’s history. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation led the efforts to donate the statue of our nation’s fortieth president after the California State and Assembly unanimously approved a resolution to send a statue to the Capitol in August of 2006, a request initiated by Congressmen Ken Calvert (44th District – California).

The statue sculpted by American artist **Chas Fagan** of North Carolina, measures seven feet high and is cast in an everdur silicon bronze, weighing 500 pounds. It is mounted on a three foot high marble pedestal which contains the Great Seal of the Governor of California on one side and the Great Seal of the President of the United States on the other.

More details concerning this ceremony will be announced at a later date.

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the promotion of the legacy of Ronald Reagan and his timeless principles of individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy, and national pride. It sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center and The Air Force One Pavilion. Located in Simi Valley, California the Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 40,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It now also serves as the final resting place of America’s 40th President.

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