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## Jim Doyle to Aging Reagan: Your Efforts Were Nothing Special

*Wisconsin Governor Vetoes Bill Honoring President Reagan in spite of Wisconsinites love for "the Gipper".*

WASHINGTON- After passing through the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly, Governor Jim Doyle (D) vetoed Senate Bill 40, a bill honoring the nation's 40<sup>th</sup> President by dedicating a portion of US Highway 14 as the "Ronald Reagan Highway". His refusal seems counterintuitive given President Reagan's strong appeal among Wisconsinites.

**"Gov. Doyle doesn't think very highly of President Reagan, but Wisconsin disagrees,"** said Grover Norquist, chairman of the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project. **"Reagan's victorious reelection in Wisconsin during the 1984 campaign was a testament to the devotion the people of that great state have for our 40<sup>th</sup> President. Doyle clearly has an ulterior motive when a project that has no state fiscal effect or local government costs is wiped out."**

Many attribute President Reagan's success in Wisconsin and throughout the United States to the renewed sense of pride and purpose he brought to the country. Wisconsin was one in a line of States that was taken over by the "Reagan Democrat" phenomenon, when lifelong Democrats, particularly union members, showed their support of Reagan's vision of individual liberty by crossing party lines to vote for his reelection.

**"It's too bad and frankly a little selfish of Gov. Doyle to snub President Reagan with this veto,"** continued Norquist. **"Doyle wasted an opportunity to honor a great American, robbing Wisconsinites of what they clearly wish for. In light of the recent actions of the governor, it is apparent that he is not on the same page as the State Legislature, and, very sadly, the people of Wisconsin."**

The people of Wisconsin are not the only Americans who believed in Reagan's dreams, as 49 of the 50 states voted to reelect President Reagan in the 1984 election. Norquist's Ronald Reagan Legacy Project recognizes the effect the great President had on the American people, and is devoted to properly recognizing President Reagan for a lifetime of hard work and achievement.

**"It is obvious that Governor Doyle, who only received 45 % of the vote in the last election, does not envision the same America as the citizens of Wisconsin see,"** said Norquist. **"But he should at least recognize that President Reagan brought liberty to millions who labored under the yoke of communism. More than 54% of Wisconsin did."**

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The Ronald Reagan Legacy Project is a project of Americans for Tax Reform chaired by taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist. Its aims include dedications to President Reagan in every county in the United States and former communist country. To arrange an interview or for more information contact Christopher Butler at (202) 785-0266 or cbutler@atr.org.