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## Maryland Lawmakers Honor Reagan

*State Senator Andy Harris Rallies Support for Reagan Day in the Free State*

Washington, D.C. – On Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, lawmakers gathered in Annapolis, Maryland to consider legislation before the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee. Among the resolutions discussed was a proposal to honor the birthday of America’s favorite president, Ronald Wilson Reagan.

Senate Joint Resolution 1, sponsored by Senators Andy Harris (R-1), Roy Dyson (D-29), Alex Mooney (R-3) and Norman Stone, Jr. (D-6), would declare February 6<sup>th</sup>, the 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Reagan’s birth as “Reagan Day” in the state of Maryland. Each year, the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project urges legislators and governors to declare “Reagan Day” in their respective states. In 2007, 42 states recognized Reagan Day, including 34 governors and 30 legislative bodies. Gov. O’Malley (D) has not issued such a proclamation during his tenure in office.

“By fighting to keep the legacy of Reagan alive in Maryland, Senator Harris and his colleagues are proving themselves to be true leaders,” said Grover Norquist, chairman of the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project, a leading force in preserving Reagan’s legacy. “Just as Ronald Reagan was dedicated to American taxpayers, Andy Harris has proven his dedication to the taxpayers of Maryland-so it comes as no surprise that he is the champion of this resolution.”

As president, Ronald Reagan fought to eliminate the threat of communism throughout the world. Domestically, President Reagan’s broad tax cuts and bold monetary policy curbed inflation and promoted a healthy business environment in the United States.

“Ronald Reagan’s presidency was a time of pride and hope for a bright future in America,” continued Norquist. “His leadership left a resounding impact on the lives of citizens worldwide and honoring his birthday is a great reminder to everyone, young and old, of his place in history. It is vital that President Reagan’s legacy is passed on through generations. I urge every lawmaker across the country to take Senator Harris’s lead in carrying on the ideals of Ronald Wilson Reagan.”

The RRLP is committed to preserving the legacy of one of America’s greatest presidents throughout the nation and abroad. Grover Norquist, chairman of the RLLP, is available for interviews regarding Ronald Reagan’s legacy and the group’s projects. Please contact John Kartch at (202)-785-0266 or jkarch@atr.org.

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