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20th Anniversary Marking the Fall of the Berlin Wall

“Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”

Washington, D.C. – On November 9, 1989 the Berlin Wall came down. Today, we celebrate the 20th anniversary of this event and the reunification of Germany.

Ronald W. Reagan, the fortieth President of the United States was committed to the fall of the Berlin Wall. On July 12, 1987, President Reagan his timeless speech almost two and a half years prior to the fall of the wall unabashedly told the Soviet Union’s Mikhail Gorbachev, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”

“On November 9, 1989 when the Berlin Wall fell and then again on Christmas Day 1991 when the Soviet Union dissolved, the fruit of President Reagan’s labor materialized. Though both events took place after he left the Presidency in early 1989, he had laid the groundwork for these events years before with the help of others who loved freedom,” stated Grover Norquist, chairman of the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project. **“Reagan’s disdain for communism and his quest to send it to the ashbin of history is crucial to remember today as we celebrate 20 years later. I hope this day is a teaching moment for many students across the United States of the work of our 40th president and the many others who stood against the Warsaw Pact and the Soviet Union and tore down the Iron Curtain.”**

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 jkartch@atr.org.

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