

This afternoon (March 8, 2016), at approximately 12:15, Michelle Obama opened her remarks at the Let Girls Learn event at Union Market with a statement about Nancy Reagan:

"I just wanted to briefly express my sadness over the passing of former first lady Nancy Reagan. Mrs. Reagan was a woman of incredible strength and grace and she was a passionate advocate for so many important issues. For the example she set both during her time in the White house and beyond, Mrs. Reagan reminded us of the importance of women's leadership at every level of society."

"And on a personal note, Mrs. Reagan also understood the value of mentoring. she warmly and willingly offered advice and encouragement to me as I settled in to my role as First Lady, and I am so grateful for her kindness and generosity to me and my family over the years."