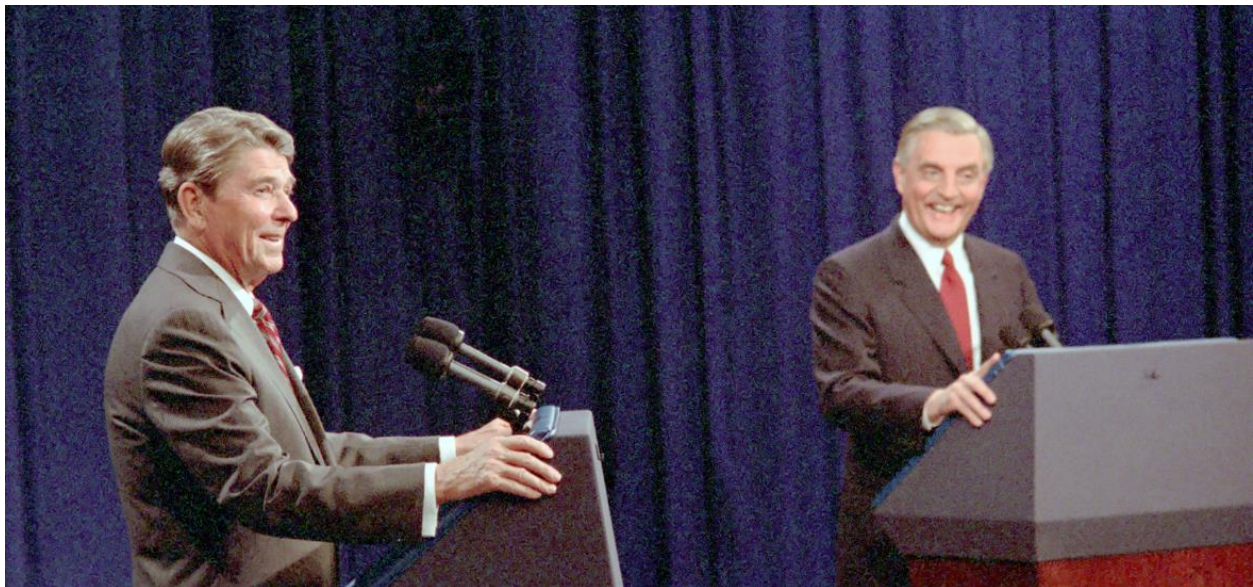




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**STATEMENT BY FRED RYAN,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE
RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION AND INSTITUTE
ON THE DEATH OF WALTER MONDALE**



Simi Valley, California – The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute joins people around the world in mourning the passing of Walter Mondale, a principled leader who provided great service to this country as the 23rd Attorney General of Minnesota, the 24th United States Ambassador to Japan, as the United States Senator from Minnesota, and, of course, as the 42nd Vice President of the United States.

As Presidential candidate, he made history by selecting Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, the first woman to appear on a major party presidential ticket, and President Reagan found them to be worthy opponents. Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale’s 1984 presidential debate will forever be remembered by President Reagan’s quip, “I want you to know that I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent’s youth and inexperience.”

Vice President Mondale was a true diplomat and statesman. Upon conceding the election to Ronald Reagan, he told the newly re-elected President, “The people have made their decision and, therefore, since we are all Americans, we will go forward together.”

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vice President Mondale’s friends and family. America has lost a leader who Ronald Reagan knew to be a great man and a happy warrior.

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