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**STATEMENT BY FRED RYAN,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE  
RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION AND INSTITUTE  
ON THE DEATH OF ANN MCLAUGHLIN KOROLOGOS**

Simi Valley, California – The Reagan Foundation and Institute mourns the loss of Ann McLaughlin Korologos, a trailblazer who devoted her life to public service. Ann was the quintessential Renaissance woman, equally at ease in the art gallery she owned, the educational foundations she supported, the corporate boardrooms she ran, or the high-level public offices in which she served.

Ann Korologos was U.S. Secretary of Labor from 1987-1989 under President Ronald Reagan, only the second woman to undertake that position. She also served as Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Treasury. In the private sector, she served as Chairman of the President’s Commission on Aviation Security and Terrorism with particular reference to the destruction of Pan American Airways Flight 103.

When President Reagan announced his intention to nominate Ann McLaughlin as his Secretary of Labor he remarked, “She’s proven her skill and dedication. She’s placed her stamp on our so-called revolution.” And on welcoming her to the Cabinet, he called her a “woman of uncommon experience and competence, and a woman who will continue the tradition of strong leadership.”

Ann McLaughlin Korologos has served with distinction on the Board of Trustees of the Reagan Foundation since 2008. She was instrumental in the creation and launch of the Reagan Legacy Council, a program which has helped to institute the preservation and promotion of President Reagan’s legacy far into the future.

Our thoughts and prayers go to her husband, Tom, and their entire family.

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