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REAGAN LIBRARY REVEALS RENOVATION PLANS TO HONOR PRESIDENT REAGAN ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM TO REMAIN OPEN DURING REMODEL

(SIMI VALLEY, Calif.) –Today the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation announced renovation plans for new state-of-the art Museum Galleries at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California, slated to open to the public on February 6, 2011 - President Reagan’s 100th birthday,

“This renovation will be a wonderful birthday present for Ronnie,” said former first lady Nancy Reagan. “I am so pleased that the Library will remain open so that visitors can tour Air Force One, attend events, and see one of my favorite exhibits, The White House Miniature.”

Throughout the entire renovation, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum will remain open to the public. The Library’s Air Force One Pavilion, Oval Office, outdoor grounds, Research Room, Museum Store and two cafes will remain open as other Museum Galleries are transformed in new and exciting ways. In addition, the Reagan Library will open an entire new special exhibit during the renovation featuring the White House Miniature, an authentic recreation of the White House measuring sixty feet long and 20 feet wide: a one-foot-to-one-inch scale. Taking over 600,000 hours of labor to create, the miniature is an amazing replica, showing visitors an intimate look into the White House - from the Lincoln bedroom to the Oval Office to tiny, working televisions to hand-carved chairs, tables and crystal chandeliers. This special exhibit will open to the public on March 15, 2010.

When the renovation is complete, 26,400 square feet of new interactive exhibits and never-before-seen artifacts & presidential gifts will open to the public. Visitors will be given the opportunity to role-play as they step into a WHO radio booth and read the ticker tape a young Ronald Reagan once read, to raise their hand and take the oath of office on inauguration day, and to deliver some of President Reagan’s famous

speeches as they stand behind a presidential podium. In the Berlin Wall exhibit, visitors will be immersed into East/West Berlin as they approach a stark Berlin Wall replica. Through cracks in the Wall, visitors will be able to peek into and witness the lives of the people of East Berlin through emotional video footage and imagery of life on the East side. In the Crisis Corridor, visitors will become absorbed in moving images of the ugly and evil threats of communist and terrorist dictators from the 1980s. In the Voices of Freedom Gallery, visitors will experience President Reagan's commitment to human rights and global democracy as they learn the stories of those who were once victims of totalitarian oppression and who benefited by President Reagan's protection of democratic ideals.

For more information on the renovation and the White House Miniature Display, please visit www.reaganfoundation.org.

The Reagan Library is located at 40 Presidential Drive in Simi Valley, California. Public hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Museum admission fees are \$12.00 for general admission, \$9.00 for seniors 62 and over, \$6 for children 11-17 and free for children 10 years of age and under. For more information, call (800) 410.8354 or visit www.reaganlibrary.com

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