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Statement from Russ Darrow

Today, Sue and I join a grateful nation in honoring the memory of one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century, President Ronald Reagan. Over the last week we have had time to reflect on the life and impact the former president had on our lives, individually and as a nation.

President Reagan's leadership and unwavering faith in what it means to be an American had a deep affect on me throughout my career and is one of the reasons I made the decision to run for the U.S. Senate. My dad was the same age as President Reagan and he and I often talked about, and closely observed, the President's leadership style, his sincerity, sense of humor, integrity and passion to commitment.

President Reagan taught all of us that no dream is too big and no goal is unattainable. He reminded us that the American spirit is passed on from generation to generation and that no matter what obstacle is put before us, we will always rise to the challenge.

President Reagan's legacy gave America back not only its government, but most importantly, its pride. He believed that America was good, decent and strong in purpose. He asked in 1980, "Are you better now than you were 20 years ago?" The answer at that time was no. The answer today, because of his belief and conviction in America, is a resounding yes.

On this day in which we lay our 40th President to rest, I feel it necessary to thank him one last time. Thank you, Mr. President for your incredible service and leadership to our country, your positive effect on my life, and for reminding us, with your passing, who we are, where we're going and what we can overcome."