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Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) issued the following statement regarding the death of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

"I want to offer my heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Reagan and all of President Reagan's children on the death of this great American who was their husband and father respectively. My thoughts and prayers, as well as those of all Americans, are with them during this very difficult time.

"Ronald Reagan was a true patriot who loved America with all of his heart and committed himself to serving his country. While I may not have agreed with many of his individual policies, I can say that President Reagan always did what he truly believed was in the best interests of the American people. He was a man of principle and he was a great leader whom the American people could rally behind in both good times and bad; from the end of the Cold War to the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster.

"I am hopeful that during this week of remembrance for President Reagan we will take time to recall all the great achievements of his remarkable life and to reflect on the struggle with Alzheimer's disease that he and his family endured over the last 10 years.

"President Reagan's battle against Alzheimer's has helped bring attention to this terrible disease that affects an estimated four million Americans and about one out of four families. I believe that committing the resources to finding a cure for Alzheimer's would be a fitting way for the Congress and this Administration to honor the life and help continue the legacy of President Ronald Reagan."

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