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WASHINGTON---- Congressman Allen West (FL-22) today reflects on the life, accomplishments and influence of President Ronald Reagan:

“At a time in our country's history when the American people needed a principled leader to inspire a nation and protect us from harm, we were blessed to have President Ronald Reagan,” West said.

“Ronald Reagan reminded us so eloquently that *'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on...'*

President Ronald Reagan will have an everlasting influence on America and the destiny of our Republic. In his Farewell Speech in 1989 he stated:

'Government has an important role in helping develop a country's economic foundation. But the critical test is whether government is genuinely working to liberate individuals by creating incentives to work, save, invest, and succeed.'

As we face today's challenges, we need to keep in mind the words of President Ronald Reagan. Never in recent history has there been a more influential person on the United States of America, and in turn, my own personal political positions, than President Ronald Reagan."

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