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## **PRESIDENT RONALD W. REAGAN TO BE HONORED ON U.S. POSTAGE STAMP IN 2005**

WASHINGTON – Former President Ronald W. Reagan will receive a timeless honor when the United States Postal Service issues a postage stamp bearing his image in 2005.

In announcing the Reagan stamp, Postmaster General John E. Potter said, “The Postal Service will be proud to add a commemorative postage stamp to recognize the many honors that President Reagan, a man of diverse talents, accumulated throughout his life and beyond. The stamp will deliver a heart-warming message on letters and packages to Americans everywhere.”

It is the tradition of the Postal Service to honor prominent Americans with a stamp no sooner than 10 years after their death. The single exception to this policy is for a United States President, who may be honored with a postage stamp on the first birth anniversary following death. Reagan, who served as our 40<sup>th</sup> President, from 1981 until 1989, was born on February 6, 1911.

The Postal Service is working with the Reagan family on the necessary arrangements for the stamp. Additional details about the design and the issuance ceremony will be announced when they are completed.

Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. An independent federal agency, the Postal Service makes deliveries to more than 141 million addresses every day and is the only service provider to deliver to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$68 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mail and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. Moreover, today's postage rates will remain stable until at least 2006. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume - some 202 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year - and serves seven million customers each day at its 38,000 retail locations nationwide.

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