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June 6, 1983

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to the 37th Annual Convention of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Our country owes you a special debt for your service in defense of freedom. The price of that freedom has been high, and the members of this organization have paid doubly.

Yours is a reflection of the spirit of valor and sacrifice to a land that is the beacon of hope for millions of oppressed people around the globe.

You have my very best wishes for a productive convention and the abiding appreciation of a grateful nation.

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Mr. Paul M. Cheremeta
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Paralyzed Veterans of America
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Subject: Writer requests a videotape message from the President on National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day, to be shown at the National Convention of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Aug. 2-4, 1983.

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July 19, 1983

Honorable Edwin Meese, III
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



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Dear Ed:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America hold their National Convention August 2, 1983 and both Houses of Congress have recently passed resolutions proclaiming August 3, 1983 as "National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day."

H. J. 258 is a Congressional statement honoring all paralyzed veterans and the PVA takes pride in being the only veterans' service organization which specifically serves this group of disabled veterans - a pride of service spanning 37 years.

The President signed the proclamation on Friday, July 15, 1983, and it would be appreciated if the President could videotape a short (two minutes) message concerning this proclamation that is so important to the PVA members.

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~~_____~~ The timing of this proclamation and taping are important for it would also be shown as part of the issuance by the U.S. Postal Service of a special commemorative stamp honoring the sacrifices made by paralyzed veterans, which will occur August 13, 1983, the date contained in the resolution.

Ed, I would very much appreciate your assistance in this request and in bringing it before the President for consideration. The PVA and VA would be pleased to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Harry'.

HARRY N. WALTERS
Administrator

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

July 29, 1983

The President has signed H.J. Res. 258 which designates August 3, 1983, as "National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day".

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Office of the Press Secretary

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July 29, 1983

NATIONAL PARALYZED VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY, 1983

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The people of this great Nation owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who have fought to preserve America's freedom and independence. National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day offers us an opportunity to express our appreciation to a very special group of our veterans -- those who suffer the disability of paralysis.

On this day of tribute to these dedicated citizens, we honor them for the great sacrifice they made for their country, and praise them for the courage, determination, and perseverance they demonstrate daily in facing the difficult challenges of their disabilities. The strong will and spirit which they exhibit in overcoming the limitations of their paralysis serve as an inspiring display of the American drive to achieve, build, and advance which has kept this country strong for the past two centuries. Each of us is heartened by the knowledge that this Nation's paralyzed veterans lead active, productive lives which enrich us all. It is indeed appropriate that we set aside a special day upon which to thank them for their past and continuing contributions to this country.

In recognition of the sacrifices and contributions that these veterans have made and the service rendered by the many veterans who later suffered paralysis from nonservice related causes, the Congress of the United States, by House Joint Resolution 258, has designated August 3, 1983, as "National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day," and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim August 3, 1983, as National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day. I call upon the people of the United States and interested organizations to mark this day with appropriate observances to honor the sacrifices and service of paralyzed veterans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

RONALD REAGAN

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