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SENATE SHOULD HONOR REAGANS, ADVANCE ALZHEIMER'S BILLS

Rep. Dianne Hesselbein, D-Middleton, issued the following statement today in response to the news of former first lady Nancy Reagan's passing:

"Nancy Reagan served the country honorably during her years as first lady. After the Reagans left the White House her husband was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, from which he suffered for ten years before it claimed his life. Mrs. Reagan stayed at his side, caring for him faithfully while hopelessly witnessing Alzheimer's destructive course.

After his death she campaigned for Alzheimer's research, saying she wanted her legacy to be that no family would have to suffer through what she and President Reagan endured.

I call on the Wisconsin Senate to move the remaining bills supporting Alzheimer's research and mobile crisis teams out of committee and advance them to a floor vote. Do this in honor of Nancy Reagan and her dedication to her husband, and all others who suffer from Alzheimer's – both as patients and as loved ones."

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