

*Ante*, p. 1286.

In recognition of the contribution of newspaper carriers in our society, the Congress of the United States has, by Senate Joint Resolution 239, designated October 16, 1982, as National Newspaper Carrier Appreciation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate October 16, 1982, as National Newspaper Carrier Appreciation Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of Oct. in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

**Proclamation 4986 of October 12, 1982**

**National Farm-City Week, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Each year our hardworking farmers produce enough food and fiber to feed and clothe the people of America as well as those of many other countries. This nation is indeed fortunate to be blessed with such a productive farming system.

Many of our fellow countrymen, however, have had little exposure to the miracle of American agriculture—fewer than three percent of the nation's people feed and clothe the other ninety-seven percent. Caught up in the fast pace of urban life, city dwellers often take for granted the quiet and efficient regularity with which their rural counterparts sustain an entire population with such a plentiful supply of food and fiber.

Our future as a prosperous nation depends on our ability to keep a large number of interrelated parts working in harmony. Our farms and cities are inextricably connected by a great marketing chain of producers, transporters, processors, warehousemen, wholesalers, retailers, and consumers. This free market process will remain viable as long as its various links are strong enough to make their contributions to moving goods and services where they are needed. As the anchor points of this chain, farmers and city dwellers are absolutely crucial to each other.

To achieve a deeper appreciation of the interdependence of farms and cities, we set aside each November a Farm-City Week during which we call attention to the farmer-city dweller partnership which has contributed so much to the vitality and prosperity of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period November 19 through November 25, 1982, as National Farm-City Week. I call on all Americans, those in rural areas and those in cities, to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our productive farm families and of our urban residents in working together in a spirit of cooperation and interdependence to create bounty, wealth, and strength for the nation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of Oct., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

**Proclamation 4987 of October 18, 1982**

**National Spinal Cord Injury Month**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Head and spinal cord injuries paralyze 10,000 Americans a year and many must use a wheelchair for the rest of their lives. The estimated total cost in dollars to society of these injuries exceeds \$2 billion annually. An additional tragic toll is exacted in diminished personal happiness and productivity. The devastation of spinal cord injury is compounded by the youth of those it strikes: Two-thirds are 20 years of age or younger.

Medicine has advanced to the point that a 15-year-old suffering a severe spinal cord injury has a nearly normal life expectancy, but during the remaining years, these people may experience injury-related health difficulties and incur heavy medical expenses. The enormity of the problem can be seen by the number of people involved—200,000 in the United States alone.

The goals of the Nation's Comprehensive Research Program on Acute Spinal Cord Injury and Paraplegia are to improve outcome and restore lost function. Today's promising experiments suggest that the riddle of regeneration may one day be solved. Devices to restore movement and control bladder function are also being explored. Both Federal and private organizations have joined forces in these common goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, in accordance with Senate Joint Resolution 249, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1982, as "National Spinal Cord Injury Month," in recognition of the courage of those who live with spinal cord injury and the efforts of scientists who are seeking answers.

*Ante, p. 1468.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

**Proclamation 4988 of October 19, 1982**

**National Housing Week, 1982**

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Historically, America's housing industry has been a major contributor to the growth of our Nation's economy and the well-being of our citizens. It has encouraged the social and economic values of homeownership, created jobs, and stimulated both individual and institutional investment.