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I am pleased to send warm greetings to the members of the Pilsudski Institute of America as you commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of your patron, Jozef Pilsudski.

Marshal Pilsudski proved his love for his native Poland time and again, enduring imprisonment, the stress of war and risking his life for the cause of national independence. His dream was fulfilled in 1919, in part, because of his great efforts. He helped the ancient Polish state, denied its nationhood for over 125 years, to be reborn as a self-governing entity and served it faithfully until his death in 1935.

Jozef Pilsudski is a symbol of hope for present-day Poland. I proudly join all who perpetuate the memory of this great man.

Ronald Reagan

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