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CIVIC LEADERS LOUIS DEJOY AND ALDONA WOS BACK MAJOR EVENT MARKING VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM AND CENTENARY OF BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION

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CONVENE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. NOVEMBER 7-9 FOR THE VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM
CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Mr. Louis DeJoy and his wife, former United States Ambassador to Estonia, Aldona Wos joined the Host Committee as presenting sponsors of The Victims of Communism Centennial Commemoration to be held in Washington, DC November 7-9. The Commemoration will culminate with a dinner in Union Station where former Soviet political prisoner and Israeli politician Natan Sharansky and Russian historical and human rights group Memorial Society will receive the Truman-Reagan Medal of Freedom. The renowned economic historian Niall Ferguson will give a keynote speech.

Ambassador Wos is Vice Chairman of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, which is organizing the Commemoration. Her family fled Poland after World War Two as the Soviet Union-backed communist party took over the country. “It is extremely important to remember this brutal history, to tell the truth about the failure of communism, and to educate young people today so they can make correct decisions for the future,” said Ambassador Wos. “My husband and I are proud to support this Commemoration.”

Mr. DeJoy’s career reflects the American values and free enterprise system that contrasts starkly with the more than 40 countries that have suffered communist economic policy. He grew up in a modest household, focused on his education, and went on to become an accomplished entrepreneur, business executive, real estate investor, community leader, philanthropist, and political fundraiser. Mr. DeJoy was chairman and CEO of New Breed Logistics between 1983 and 2014, growing his company from 20 to over 8,000 employees. “Broad professional success in business and community doesn’t exist under communism,” said Mr. DeJoy. “A free America enables individuals to become consequential contributors for the good of our society.”



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