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TONIGHT: SEN. MAX CLELAND DISCUSSES “HEART OF A PATRIOT” *PRESIDENT CARTER BOOK SIGNING ON THURSDAY*

ATLANTA, GA. – Senator Max Cleland comes to the Carter Presidential Library tonight to discuss his new biography, *Heart of a Patriot: How I Found the Courage to Survive Vietnam, Walter Reed and Karl Rove*. The reading and book signing is free and open to the public. Doors to the Carter Center’s Cecil B. Day Chapel will open at 6pm; the reading begins at 7pm. ACappella Books will be selling copies of *Heart of a Patriot* at the reading.

Publishers Weekly says “Cleland’s memoir details his remarkable journey from small town Georgia to Vietnam to a U.S. Senate seat, his trajectory serving as scaffolding for a withering critique of the Bush administration’s handling of September 11. “America sends the flower of its youth abroad to fight its wars,” he writes, describing losing both legs and one arm during his tour in Vietnam. From his friendship with fellow Georgian Jimmy Carter to a meeting with the young governor of Arkansas, Bill Clinton, Cleland’s life seems inextricably bound to the nation he has served. As such, the he and the nation share crises of confidence: both fall into bitter disillusionment over the Vietnam War, culture wars and political infighting, and Cleland is candid about his periods of depression and the counseling that renewed his faith in himself and his country.”

On Thursday October 15, President Jimmy Carter will be signing copies “*If I Had A Hammer: Building Homes and Hope with Habitat for Humanity*.” The book, by author David Rubel, includes a foreword by President Carter. Kirkus Reviews says “An eloquent preface by *Habitat for Humanity*’s most prominent volunteer kicks off this moving introduction to a sampling of the other volunteers who have worked on and/or now live in some of the 300,000-plus homes the organization has built.”

President Carter will also be signing any of the BOOKS he has written. In order to get as many visitors’ books signed as possible, President Carter will only sign BOOKS he has written (not other memorabilia) and will be unable to personalize the inscription or pose for pictures. So that everyone gets an opportunity to get their books signed, visitors can go through the line as many times as they want, but only have ten books to be signed per trip through the line. Books will be available for purchase at the Carter Library Gift Store.

The book signing begins at 5pm in the Carter Presidential Library lobby. For more information, visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov