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Christie Todd Whitman to Speak at Carter Library ***Former EPA Administrator to Discuss Book "It's My Party Too"***

Atlanta, GA.- Former New Jersey Governor and EPA Administrator Christie Todd Whitman will describe her concerns about the direction she feels the Republican Party is taking in a 1 p.m. speech, Wednesday, June 1st at the Carter Presidential Center. Governor Whitman is the author of *"It's My Party Too The Battle for the Heart of the GOP and the Future of America."* Following her talk, Whitman will sign copies of her book.

Whitman was New Jersey's first female governor, elected in 1993. In 2001, she was appointed Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency by President George W. Bush. Whitman served in that position for two years before quitting over differences of opinion about the direction the Administration was headed on environmental issues.

In "It's My Party Too," Whitman argues that the Republican Party is increasingly coming under the control of "social-fundamentalists." She believes these groups believe they can define what it means to be a Republican and that definition is becoming narrowing.

Whitman is particularly concerned that such groups not only attempt to define Republicans but also go after those whom they feel don't believe as they do.

Christie Todd Whitman will speak in the Cyprus room at the Carter Center at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1. Her appearance is sponsored by the Carter Presidential Library & Museum, the Chattahoochee Review, The Georgia Center for the Book and Chapter 11 Books. Copies of *"It's My Party Too"* will be for sale at the lecture.