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Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library President's Day Weekend Events:

BOOK TALK & SIGNING

Alvin S. Felzenberg author of

The Leaders We Deserved (And a Few We Didn't):

Rethinking the Presidential Rating Game

and

DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY: *PRESIDENTIAL AUTOGRAPHS*

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to announce its President's Day Weekend events for Sunday, February 15, 2009 in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. These events are free and open to the general public.

BOOK TALK & SIGNING:

At 2:00 p.m. author and political scientist Alvin S. Felzenberg will speak about his book, *The Leaders We Deserved (And a Few We Didn't): Rethinking the Presidential Rating Game*. In *The Leaders We Deserved (And a Few We Didn't)* Mr. Felzenberg provides an across-the-board evaluation of presidential performance. He assigns each a grade in six areas: Character, vision, competence, economic performance, foreign policy achievements, and their approach to preserving and extending human rights and freedoms. Mr. Felzenberg provides a refreshing and renewed look at how each president stacks up against his counterparts and reveals some surprising results. He will be available to sign copies of his book after the book talk.

Alvin S. Felzenberg teaches at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania and the Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University. He was previously Visiting Professor of Politics at Princeton University, where he also received his Ph.D. He was the principal spokesman for the 9/11 Commission, an advisor to the U.S. Departments of Defense and State, served in several senior staff positions at the U.S. House of Representatives, and as New Jersey's Assistant Secretary of State. He is the author of *Governor Tom Kean: From the New Jersey Statehouse To The 9-11 Commission* and his writings have appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Weekly Standard*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the *Boston Globe*. He divides his time between Washington, D.C. and Princeton, New Jersey.

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Following the book talk, visitors can view original documents from the Roosevelt Library archives bearing the signatures of many of our nation's President's including: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Jackson, Teddy Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John F. Kennedy. Twenty-eight signatures will be on display -- most of which were collected by Franklin Roosevelt himself. There will be a video presentation and family-friendly activities relating to presidential history.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about these events.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of twelve presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.