Andy Garcia: Oswaldo Paya has been carrying the torch of absolute freedom in a country where there is none.

His commitment to this noble cause has put him in the thoughts, hopes and dreams of not only his fellow Cubans, but also in the eyes and ears of the rest of the world.

Those who enjoy freedom around the world cannot fathom the conditions which people in Cuba live, both physical and emotional. Mr. Paya has dedicated his life to this most cherished right. The right of self-determination without persecution, and the respect and ownership of every human right. This idea is not negotiable and is unstoppable.

But it takes champions like Oswaldo Paya to see it through.

As Jose Marti, the great Cuban poet and apostle of freedom, once said.

"Like stones rolling down hills, fair ideas reach their objectives despite all obstacles and barriers. It may be possible to speed or hinder them, but impossible to stop them. "

Long live a free Cuba.

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