

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th president of the United  
2 States, passed away at his home in California on June 5, 2004, at  
3 the age of 93; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, Illinois,  
5 President Reagan graduated from Eureka College in 1932 and worked  
6 as a radio sports announcer before signing an acting contract with  
7 Warner Brothers studio in 1937; he went on to star in more than 50  
8 films and later enjoyed a highly successful career in television;  
9 and

10          WHEREAS, His electrifying speech in support of Barry  
11 Goldwater's presidential bid in 1964 brought national attention and  
12 encouragement from Republican Party leaders to run for public  
13 office himself; he won the governorship of California in 1966 and  
14 again in 1970; and

15          WHEREAS, Ten years later, Ronald Reagan captured 489 out of  
16 538 electoral votes to win the White House; that same election saw  
17 Republicans seize control of the U.S. Senate for the first time in  
18 decades; in 1984, he won a landslide re-election, garnering nearly  
19 60 percent of the popular vote and winning 49 states; and

20          WHEREAS, During his two terms in office, President Reagan  
21 focused on shrinking the federal government and increasing the  
22 country's military might; his policy of supporting anti-Communist  
23 insurgents wherever they might be became known as the Reagan  
24 Doctrine; highlights of his presidency included a sustained

1 economic recovery and the end of the Cold War with the Soviet Union;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Less tangibly, he has been credited with evoking in  
4 Americans a more generous feeling about politics and "restor[ing] a  
5 kind of confidence in the presidency"; supporters and critics alike  
6 have cited his humorous quips, affable charm, and sunny optimism,  
7 as well as a remarkable ability to connect with individuals on a  
8 personal level, even when delivering a formal address; and

9 WHEREAS, Possessing a grand vision of America's "rendezvous  
10 with destiny," Ronald Reagan gave his name to a revolution in  
11 politics and policy that continues to be a potent force at the  
12 opening of the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
14 Regular Session, 2005, hereby pay special tribute to the life of  
15 President Ronald Wilson Reagan.

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Anderson	Baxter
Berman	Bonnen
Branch	Brown of Kaufman
Brown of Brazos	Callegari
Casteel	Cook of Navarro
Corte	Crabb
Crownover	Davis of Harris
Dawson	Denny
Driver	Eissler
Flynn	Gattis
Geren	Goodman
Hamric	Hardcastle
Harper-Brown	Hegar
Hilderbran	Hill
Hope	Hunter
Isett	Keel
Keffer of Dallas	Keffer of Eastland
Krusee	Kuempel
Laubenberg	McCall
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 89 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 17, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 89 was adopted by the Senate on May 16, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor