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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.