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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Americans across the country are welcoming the  
2 opportunity to pay tribute to the life and presidency of Ronald  
3 Reagan on the 96th anniversary of his birth, February 6, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1911, Ronald Reagan was a successful film  
5 actor and a popular California governor before his bid for the  
6 presidency in 1980; he pledged in that campaign to restore "the  
7 great, confident roar of American progress and growth and  
8 optimism"; he took office as the 40th U.S. president on January 20,  
9 1981, and in 1984 won a landslide reelection, garnering nearly 60  
10 percent of the popular vote and winning 49 states; and

11 WHEREAS, At the end of his two terms in office, President  
12 Reagan surely viewed with satisfaction the achievements of his  
13 innovative program known as the Reagan Revolution, which aimed to  
14 reinvigorate the American people and reduce their reliance on  
15 government; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to a focus on shrinking the federal  
17 government, President Reagan supported an anti-Communist policy  
18 that became known as the Reagan Doctrine, and his tenure in office  
19 helped to usher in the end of the Cold War, later symbolized by the  
20 tearing down of the Berlin Wall in 1989; and

21 WHEREAS, Working effectively with Congress, President Reagan  
22 obtained legislation to stimulate economic growth, curb inflation,  
23 increase employment, overhaul the tax code, and strengthen national  
24 defense, and at the end of his administration the nation was

1 enjoying one of its longest recorded periods of peacetime  
2 prosperity; and

3 WHEREAS, In later years, President Reagan and First Lady  
4 Nancy Reagan promoted greater public awareness about Alzheimer's  
5 disease through their openness in dealing with the former  
6 president's condition; in 2002, the couple received the  
7 Congressional Gold Medal, the country's highest and most  
8 distinguished civilian award in recognition of their service to the  
9 nation and to the world; friends and admirers across the globe  
10 mourned when President Reagan died on June 5, 2004; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's tenure in office brought with it a  
12 renewal of national pride and self-confidence, and his policy of  
13 peace through strength remains a powerful and inspiring legacy for  
14 our nation; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 96th anniversary of the birth of  
17 Ronald Reagan on February 6, 2007, and encourage all Texans to  
18 reflect on the life and presidency of this great national leader.