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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, February 6, 2009, marks the 98th anniversary of the
2 birth of Ronald Reagan, and this date provides a welcome
3 opportunity to honor the legacy of the nation's 40th president; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1911 in Tampico, Illinois, Ronald Wilson
5 Reagan first made his name as a film actor and later became
6 president of the Screen Actors Guild; in 1966, he was elected
7 governor of California, and ably served in that office until 1975;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Following his victory in the 1980 presidential
10 election, Mr. Reagan began his tenure as the nation's chief
11 executive; faced with a range of daunting challenges that included
12 high unemployment, inflation, and the ongoing cold war with the
13 Soviet Union, he introduced a bold agenda that emphasized economic
14 growth and lower taxes along with the establishment of a strong
15 national defense; the success of President Reagan's initiatives
16 helped renew the nation's self-confidence, and in 1984 he was
17 elected to a second term, winning office by one of the largest
18 margins in the history of presidential elections; and

19 WHEREAS, The president's final four years in office were
20 highlighted by his efforts to bring about a major revision of the
21 tax code and his continuing efforts to champion government
22 accountability; moreover, U.S. forces were used to target
23 international terrorism as part of the president's quest to achieve
24 "peace through strength"; this same initiative led to important

1 breakthroughs in U.S.-Soviet relations and contributed to the
2 ultimate downfall of the U.S.S.R.; and

3 WHEREAS, A legendary president who helped lead the nation
4 through a period of dramatic change and expanding prosperity,
5 Ronald Reagan had a positive and enduring influence on the course of
6 U.S. history, and it is indeed appropriate to reflect on his
7 admirable service to his fellow citizens on the anniversary of his
8 birth; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby declare February 6, 2009, as Ronald Reagan Day.