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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 6, 2011, marks the 100th 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 House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of President Ronald  
11 Reagan on February 6, 2011, the 100th anniversary of his birth.