RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Admirers across the country and around the world are 2 celebrating the centennial of Ronald Reagan's birth on February 6, 3 2011, and this occasion presents an ideal opportunity to honor his 4 wife, Nancy Reagan, for her remarkable contributions as a first 5 lady, role model, and advocate for research on Alzheimer's disease; 6 and

WHEREAS, Born in New York City on July 6, 1921, the former 7 Nancy Davis graduated from Smith College with a degree in drama and 8 9 began her acting career on New York stages; Hollywood beckoned, and she appeared in 11 movies, including East Side, West Side and Shadow 10 11 on the Wall; on March 4, 1952, she married Ronald Reagan, and they 12 starred together in *Hellcats of the Navy*; they became the parents of two children, Patricia and Ronald, and Mrs. Reagan devoted herself 13 14 to caring for her family and supporting her husband as one of his most trusted political advisors; and 15

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Reagan worked with numerous charitable groups during her husband's tenure as governor of California from 1967 to 17 1975; she spent countless hours visiting veterans, the elderly, and 18 the disabled, and she gave even more generously of her time and 19 20 talents as first lady of the United States; a tireless supporter of 21 the Foster Grandparent Program, she also took up the issue of drug and alcohol abuse among young people and raised awareness through 22 23 the "Just Say No" campaign, and she traveled extensively to speak 24 about those causes; moreover, she supported the arts and young

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1 performers through the public television series In Performance at 2 the White House; her efforts won the hearts of her fellow Americans, 3 and she was consistently listed among the 10 most admired women in 4 the world in Gallup Polls in the 1980s; and

5 WHEREAS, After her husband left office, Mrs. Reagan established the Nancy Reagan Foundation to continue teaching youth 6 about the dangers of substance abuse; former president Reagan 7 8 announced in 1994 that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and the next year, the couple joined with the Alzheimer's 9 10 Association to found the Ronald and Nancy Reagan Research Institute to accelerate the progress of research on this disease; in addition 11 to serving as a caregiver for her husband until his death, Mrs. 12 Reagan has dedicated herself to advocacy; she has helped raise 13 14 millions of dollars for research and increased the level of 15 knowledge among the public, breaking down misconceptions; and

16 WHEREAS, Nancy Reagan has inspired innumerable people 17 through her philanthropic endeavors, and she has set a shining 18 example of devotion, compassion, and courage to which others may 19 aspire; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 21 Legislature hereby commend Nancy Reagan for her exceptional 22 contributions to the citizens of this nation on the occasion of the 23 centennial of Ronald Reagan's birth and extend to her sincere best 24 wishes for the future.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 269 was adopted by the House on February 3, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House