

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 106th anniversary of the birth of Ronald Reagan  
2 falls on February 6, 2017, offering a fitting opportunity to  
3 reflect on the tremendous legacy of the nation's 40th president;  
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5           WHEREAS, The son of Jack and Nelle Reagan, Ronald Wilson  
6 Reagan was born in Tampico, Illinois, in 1911, and grew up in Dixon;  
7 he enjoyed tremendous success in the entertainment industry as a  
8 sports announcer, film actor, and television host before embarking  
9 on a second career in public service; in 1966, he was elected to the  
10 first of his two terms as governor of California; and

11           WHEREAS, This deft and resolute leader ascended to the  
12 presidency in 1980 and began to vigorously address the many  
13 challenges that faced a troubled country, among them inflation,  
14 high unemployment, and the ongoing cold war with the Soviet Union;  
15 he worked to promote economic growth and lower taxes while building  
16 a stronger national defense, and his bold and effective initiatives  
17 gained widespread approval; in 1984, he was returned to office by  
18 one of the largest margins in the history of presidential  
19 elections; and

20           WHEREAS, The economy continued to expand during President  
21 Reagan's second term, as he guided a major revision of the tax code  
22 and maintained a sharp focus on government accountability; while  
23 acting as a steward of domestic prosperity, he practiced a muscular  
24 foreign policy of "peace through strength"; he devoted U.S. forces

1 to the task of confronting international terrorism, and he played a  
2 crucial role in the ultimate breakup of the U.S.S.R.; and

3 WHEREAS, Through his monumental accomplishments both at home  
4 and abroad, Ronald Reagan restored American confidence and earned a  
5 special place in the history of our nation and the world; although  
6 he passed away on June 5, 2004, his enormous legacy still resonates  
7 profoundly and serves as an enduring source of inspiration to  
8 leaders of today; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of President Ronald  
11 Reagan and commemorate February 6, 2017, the 106th anniversary of  
12 his birth.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 295 was adopted by the House on  
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Chief Clerk of the House