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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, February 6, 2020, marks the 109th anniversary of the 2 birth of Ronald Reagan, and this date provides a welcome opportunity to honor the legacy of the nation's 40th president; and 3 WHEREAS, Born in 1911 in Tampico, Illinois, Ronald Wilson 4 5 Reagan first made his name as a film actor and later became president of the Screen Actors Guild; in 1966, he was elected 6 7 governor of California, and ably served in that office until 1975; and 8 WHEREAS, Following his victory in the 1980 presidential 9 election, Mr. Reagan began his tenure as the nation's chief 10 11 executive; faced with a range of daunting challenges that included 12 high unemployment, inflation, and the ongoing cold war with the Soviet Union, he introduced a bold agenda that emphasized economic 13 14 growth and lower taxes along with the establishment of a strong national defense; the success of President Reagan's initiatives 15 helped renew the nation's self-confidence, and in 1984 he was 16 elected to a second term, winning office by one of the largest 17 margins in the history of presidential elections; and 18

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

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- 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 86th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of President Ronald
- 11 Reagan on February 6, 2020, the 109th anniversary of his birth.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 513 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House