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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man or humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of the State of California, and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; during his second election, he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election - a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Reagan's presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, which led to unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social policy
- 2 agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug
- 3 use in our neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces
- 5 contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values,
- and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's
- 7 armed forces to meet the challenges of the 21st century; and
- 8 WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through
- 9 strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate
- demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for
- 11 millions of people; and
- 12 WHEREAS, February 6, 2011 will be the 100th anniversary of
- Ronald Reagan's birth and the seventh since his passing;
- 14 therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 16 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 17 the date of February 6, 2011, be designated as Ronald Reagan
- Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That we urge the citizens of this State to take
- 20 cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its
- 21 observance.