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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize Ronald Reagan's Boyhood Home and Visitor Center on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of it being placed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's boyhood home is located at 816 Hannepin Avenue in Dixon; and

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WHEREAS, The house, which included the barn out back, was built in 1891 for \$1,500 by William C. Thompson; and

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WHEREAS, The Reagan family moved into the home on December 6th, 1920, just before Ronald's 10th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, The Reagans rented the home for \$15 a month until 1923, after which they moved into other homes in Dixon; and

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WHEREAS, The Reagans rented every home they lived in until Ronald bought them their first house in California; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's boyhood home was added to the National Register of Historic Places on his 73rd birthday, February 6, 1984; and

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1 WHEREAS, The home has been fully restored with furnishings
2 reflective of the 1920s; and

3 WHEREAS, Visitors who tour Ronald Reagan's home can see the
4 room that he shared with his brother Neil, visit the barn that
5 houses a Model T automobile similar to the one the Reagan
6 family owned, and view rooms of photos, videos, quotes, and
7 other information in the Reagan legacy timeline; they can hear
8 stories about the home and the Reagan family from the
9 informative volunteer tour guides; and

10 WHEREAS, Visitors can also have their photo taken next to a
11 life-size statue of Ronald Reagan in the Reagan Memorial Park
12 nearby; and

13 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's boyhood home is a main attraction
14 off highway I-88 for visitors and locals alike; and

15 WHEREAS, The home offers supplemental education for
16 schools when learning about United States history; and

17 WHEREAS, The dedicated volunteers strive to provide
18 memorable experiences for new and returning visitors alike;
19 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize Ronald Reagan's Boyhood Home and Visitor Center on
4 the 30th anniversary of it being placed on the National
5 Register of Historic Places; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the volunteers, staff, and board of directors of
8 Ronald Reagan's Boyhood Home and Visitor Center.