



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6, 1911,
3 in Tampico, the son of Nellie and John Reagan; and

4 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family in 1915 moved to
5 Galesburg, and he began his formal education at Silas Willard
6 School; and

7 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family then moved to
8 Monmouth and resided in that fair community during his
9 formative years from 1917 to 1919 and attended Monmouth Central
10 School; and

11 WHEREAS, When Ronald Reagan was 9 years of age, the family
12 settled in Dixon, where at Dixon High School he played football
13 and basketball, ran track, served as president of the student
14 body, and first performed as an actor; and

15 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan graduated from Eureka College in
16 1932 with a degree in economics and sociology; and

17 WHEREAS, From humble beginnings, Ronald Reagan went on to
18 become a sportscaster, actor, Governor of California, and
19 President of the United States, the first native son of
20 Illinois to serve as President; and

21 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United
22 States in 1980; a favorite of the American populace, he was
23 elected to a second term in 1984; and

24 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the
25 United States, warrants a public tribute as a native son of
26 Illinois; and

27 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2004, President Ronald Reagan passed

1 away; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 urge the Secretary of State and the Office of the Architect of
5 the Capitol to initiate the planning process to erect a statue
6 on the Capitol grounds in honor of President Ronald Reagan to
7 be funded through private resources; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
9 Secretary of State Jessie White and Mal Hildebrand, Executive
10 Director of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.