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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The National Statuary Hall Collection in the  
3       United States Capitol is comprised of statues donated by  
4       individual states in commemoration of notable citizens in their  
5       history; each state is allowed to provide two statues for  
6       display; and

7           WHEREAS, Illinois has two statues on display: Frances E.  
8       Willard, given in 1905 and located in the National Statuary  
9       Hall, and James Shields, given in 1893 and located in the Hall  
10      of Columns; since 1976, the Hall of Columns has housed part of  
11      the National Statuary Hall Collection; and

12           WHEREAS, There is a procedure in place whereby a state may  
13 request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to  
14 approve the replacement of a statue that the state has provided  
15 if the request is approved by the state's legislature and its  
16 Governor; and

17           WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6, 1911  
18       in Tampico, Illinois; his family moved several more times,  
19       settling in Dixon; he attended Dixon High School where he  
20       played football and basketball, ran track, served as president  
21       of the student body, and first performed as an actor; and

22           WHEREAS, He graduated from Eureka College in 1932 with a  
23 degree in economics and sociology; from humble beginnings, he  
24 went on to become a sportscaster, actor and Governor of  
25 California; in 1980, he was elected President of the United  
26 States, the first native son of Illinois to serve as President;  
27 and

28           WHEREAS, President Reagan served with honor and  
29 distinction for two terms as the 40th President; in the 1984  
30 election, he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the

1       electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the  
2       general election, a record unsurpassed in the history of  
3       American presidential elections; and

4           WHEREAS, On October 11, 2001, President Reagan became the  
5       longest-lived president ever, passing the nation's second  
6       President, John Adams, who had lived 91 years; on June 5, 2004,  
7       the world was told its faithful servant had passed away; and

8           WHEREAS, During his presidency, he worked in a bipartisan  
9       manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and  
10       common sense to government which led to an unprecedented  
11       economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans;  
12       and

13          WHEREAS, His commitment to our armed forces contributed to  
14       the restoration of pride in America, her values and those  
15       cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed  
16       Forces to win the Gulf War; his vision of "peace through  
17       strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate  
18       demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for  
19       millions of people; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21       NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
22       SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that in commemoration of the 40th  
23       President of the United States and native son of Illinois, we  
24       request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to  
25       approve the replacement of the James Shields statue with a  
26       statue of President Ronald Wilson Reagan in the National  
27       Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol; and be  
28       it further

29           RESOLVED, That the cost of the Ronald Reagan statue come  
30       from private donations; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That to represent Illinois in selecting the  
2 sculptor and obtaining the private donations for the statue, a  
3 committee of nine shall be created as follows: the Speaker of  
4 the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House of  
5 Representatives, President of the Senate, and Minority Leader  
6 of the Senate shall each appoint two members and the Secretary  
7 of State shall appoint one member who shall serve as Chairman  
8 of the Committee; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That copies of the resolution be sent to the  
10 Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, the Governor, the  
11 Illinois Secretary of State, and to each member of the Illinois  
12 congressional delegation.