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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of 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 California, and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was a native son of Illinois; he was born on February 6, 1911, in the village of Tampico in Whiteside County and at the age of nine moved with his family to the city of Dixon in Lee County, later furthering his education at Eureka College in Eureka; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America, the second of which 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, 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 an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

- 1 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces
- contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values 2
- 3 and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's
- 4 Armed Forces to meet 21st century challenges; and
- 5 WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through
- 6 strength" helped lead to the end of the Cold War and the
- 7 ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, quaranteeing basic human
- 8 rights for millions of people; and
- 9 WHEREAS, February 6, 2007 will be the 96th anniversary of
- 10 Ronald Reagan's birth and the third since his passing;
- therefore, be it 11
- 12 RESOLVED, ΒY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ΟF THE
- 13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- proclaim and recognize February 6, 2007 as "Ronald Reagan Day" 14
- and urge all the citizens of Illinois to take cognizance of 15
- this event and participate fittingly in its observance. 16