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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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

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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

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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

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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  
2           contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values  
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, guaranteeing basic human  
8           rights for millions of people; and

9           WHEREAS, February 6, 2009 will be the 98th anniversary of  
10          Ronald Reagan's birth and the fifth since his passing;  
11          therefore, be it

12          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13          NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14          proclaim and recognize February 6, 2009 and every February 6  
15          thereafter as "Ronald Reagan Day" and urge all the citizens of  
16          Illinois to take cognizance of this event and participate  
17          fittingly in its observance.