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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background and a native of Illinois, 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 born on February 6, 1911 in Tampico; he lived in many locations throughout Illinois, including his boyhood home in Dixon; he attended Eureka College in Eureka, graduating in 1932, and is a true son of Illinois; 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; in his second election 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 that is 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, The United States Postal Service issued a postage
10 stamp in 2005, honoring President Reagan's life, and re-issued
11 the stamp in 2006, due to the stamp's popularity; and

12 WHEREAS, 2011 will mark the centennial of President
13 Reagan's birth, and celebrations are planned across the nation
14 to commemorate President Reagan's legacy; and

15 WHEREAS, A postage stamp commemorating the centennial of
16 President Reagan's birth would provide a fitting tribute to
17 President Reagan's life and legacy; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 urge the United States Postal Service to issue a postage stamp

1 commemorating the centennial of President Reagan's birth; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to United States Postmaster General John E. Potter.