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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan and his family then moved to Monmouth, Illinois, and resided in that fair community during his formative years from 1917-1919, and where he attended Monmouth Central School; and

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

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

WHEREAS, From humble beginnings, Ronald Reagan went on to become a sportscaster, actor, Governor of California, and President of the United States; and

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

4 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the
5 United States, warrants a public tribute as a son of Illinois;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 1999, portions of Illinois Route 172 and 92
8 from Tampico to Illinois Route 26 and the portions of Illinois
9 Route 26, Illinois Route 29, and U.S. Route 24 from Dixon to
10 Eureka were designated as the Ronald Reagan Trail by Senate
11 Joint Resolution 3; and

12 WHEREAS, The City of Fulton is the ancestral beginning of
13 Ronald Reagan's connection to Illinois and the cities of
14 Princeton, Galesburg, and Monmouth were essential in the
15 upbringing of Ronald Reagan and should be included in the
16 Ronald Reagan Trail; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Ronald Reagan Trail is
20 extended to include those portions of U.S. Route 30 and Highway
21 136 through the City of Fulton, and the portions of U.S. Route
22 34 from the City of Princeton, through the City of Galesburg,

1 to the City of Monmouth; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation,
3 in accordance with applicable State and federal laws and rules
4 and in cooperation with units of local government, be requested
5 to erect appropriate signs, markers, or plaques along the
6 extended portions of the Ronald Reagan Trail in recognition of
7 this designation; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
9 the Illinois Department of Transportation.