

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble  
3 background, worked throughout his life serving the cause of  
4 freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed  
5 as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman,  
6 Governor of California, and President of the United States;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction  
9 for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of  
10 America, the second of which he was victorious in 49 out of  
11 the 50 states in the general election, earning the confidence  
12 of three-fifths of the electorate - a record unsurpassed in  
13 the history of American presidential elections; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated  
15 President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by  
16 rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

17 WHEREAS, During Mr. Reagan's presidency, he worked in a  
18 bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring  
19 accountability and common sense to Government, which led to  
20 an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for  
21 millions of Americans; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social  
23 policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime  
24 and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

25 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed  
26 forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America,  
27 her values, and those cherished by the free world and  
28 prepared America's Armed Forces to win the Gulf War; and

29 WHEREAS, President Reagan's "vision of peace through  
30 strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate  
31 demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights

1 for millions of people; and

2 WHEREAS, On February 6, 2002, Ronald Reagan will  
3 celebrate his 91st birthday, thus becoming the oldest living  
4 former President; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we designate February 6, 2002, as "President Ronald Reagan  
8 Day" in the State of Illinois, in honor of our former  
9 President; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to President Ronald Reagan as an expression of our  
12 esteem; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Illinois House of Representatives  
14 congratulates Congressman J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the  
15 House of Representatives, on his successful effort to  
16 establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic  
17 Site in Dixon; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Congressman J. Dennis Hastert as an expression  
20 of our esteem.