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House Resolution

A resolution declaring February 6, 2002, as "Ronald Reagan Day" in the State of Florida.

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, and corporate spokesman prior to his becoming Governor of California and then being elected to two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, while in office, President Ronald Reagan served the nation with honor and distinction, as attested by the confidence of an electorate that swept him into his second term of office with an unprecedented 525 of the 538 electoral votes and handed him a victory in 49 of the 50 States of the Union, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections, and

WHEREAS, in 1981, when Mr. Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a nation stricken by inflation, but his heroic bipartisan effort to restore accountability and common sense to government led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans, and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the nation was suffering from an unemployment rate exceeding 10 percent, which, by June 1988, had fallen to one of the lowest rates in modern United States history, and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's push for an active social policy lowered the nation's crime rate; his commitment to the United States Armed Forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America and laid the groundwork for victory in the

Gulf War; and his vision of "peace through strength" led to
the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet
Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people,
and
WHEREAS, on February 6, 2002, President Ronald Wilson
Reagan will have reached the age of 91 years, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the House of Representatives considers it an honor to pause in its deliberations to recognize the outstanding contributions made to a grateful nation by America's 40th President and to wholeheartedly designate February 6, 2002, as "Ronald Reagan Day" in Florida.