

By Senator Fasano

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1 Senate Resolution No. ____

2 A resolution recognizing February 6 as Ronald
3 Reagan Day in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble
6 beginnings, was born in Tampico, Illinois, on February 6,
7 1911, and worked throughout his life serving the interests of
8 freedom to advance the public good, as soldier, entertainer,
9 union leader, corporate sponsor, Governor of California, and,
10 finally, as President of the United States of America, and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan was elected in November, 1980, to
12 serve as the 40th President of the United States for two
13 consecutive 4-year terms, the first of which began January 20,
14 1981, and the second of which began January 20, 1985, and
15 ended January 20, 1989, and

16 WHEREAS, when he was reelected in 1984 to serve his
17 second term of office as President of the United States, Mr.
18 Reagan received more than 60 percent of the popular votes cast
19 by the electorate, and 525 of the 538 electoral college votes
20 cast, winning the election in 49 of the 50 states, a record
21 unsurpassed in the history of presidential elections in the
22 United States, and

23 WHEREAS, when Mr. Reagan was elected to serve his
24 initial term of office as President of the United States, the
25 nation was experiencing rampant inflation and high
26 unemployment, and

27 WHEREAS, throughout his presidency, Mr. Reagan worked
28 in a bipartisan manner with other leaders in government and in
29 the private sector to develop and implement policies for
30 restoring accountability and common-sense to the operation of
31 government at every level, promoting individual freedom to

1 exercise fundamental human rights, equality of opportunity for
2 all people, economic prosperity, and world peace, and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's development and implementation of
4 policies aimed at ensuring government accountability and
5 stimulation of economic growth resulted in the downsizing and
6 simplification of government operations and in unprecedented
7 increases in economic expansion and prosperity for the
8 citizens of the United States, and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's development and implementation of
10 social policies aimed at establishing and maintaining the
11 well-being of children resulted in lowering the incidence of
12 crime and the use of illicit drugs in our nation's
13 neighborhoods, and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's development and implementation of
15 policies aimed at enhancing and strengthening our systems of
16 defense prepared our armed forces for success in deterring
17 Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and victory in the Gulf War, and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's development and implementation of
19 policies aimed at achieving "peace through strength"
20 precipitated the end of the Cold War, the demise of the Berlin
21 Wall, and normalization of relations among the Soviet Union,
22 the United States, and the rest of the free world, and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's presidential leadership was
24 characterized by development and implementation of policies
25 predicated on the values and principles that guided our
26 forefathers in founding and developing the United States of
27 America as "one nation under God, indivisible, with freedom
28 and justice for all," and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's legacy to our nation and the
30 world is one of outstanding statesmanship exemplary of
31 responsible governance consistent with the precepts of

1 democratic institutions to ensure government accountability,
2 the preeminence of individual freedom to exercise fundamental
3 human rights, equality of opportunity for all people, economic
4 prosperity, and world peace, and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan will be 92 years of age on February
6 6, 2003, NOW, THEREFORE,

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8 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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10 That the Florida Senate recognizes and observes
11 February 6, 2003, and all subsequent annual anniversaries of
12 this date as "Ronald Reagan Day" in the State of Florida.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,
14 with the Seal of the Florida Senate affixed, be presented to
15 the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project as a tangible token of the
16 sentiments of the Florida Senate.

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