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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Rivera offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 On page 2, between lines 5 and 6, insert:

5 Section 1. Section 683.26, Florida Statutes, is created to
6 read:

7 683.26 Ronald Reagan Day.--

8 (1) February 6 of each year is designated as "Ronald
9 Reagan Day."

10 (2) The Governor may issue annually a proclamation
11 designating February 6 as "Ronald Reagan Day." Public officials,
12 schools, private organizations, and all citizens are encouraged
13 to honor the legacy of opportunity and optimism left by
14 America's 40th President by commemorating Ronald Reagan Day on
15 February 6 of each year.

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17 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

18 On page 1, lines 2-8,
19 remove: all of said lines

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21 and insert:

22 An act relating to legal holidays and special observances;
23 creating s. 683.26, F.S.; designating February 6 as
24 "Ronald Reagan Day"; authorizing the Governor to issue
25 proclamations commemorating the occasion; creating s.
26 683.33, F.S.; designating January 6 as "Three Kings Day"
27 and authorizing local governments to issue proclamations
28 commemorating the occasion; providing an effective date.

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30 WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble
31 background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and
32 advancing the public good, having distinguished himself during
33 his professional life as an entertainer, union leader, and
34 corporate spokesman before being elected Governor of California
35 and then President of the United States of America, and

36 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction
37 for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of
38 America, earning the distinction of being elected to his second
39 term of office by three-fifths of the electorate and by 49 of
40 the 50 states in the union, a record unsurpassed in the history
41 of American presidential elections, and

42 WHEREAS, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated as
43 President, he inherited a disillusioned nation that was shackled
44 by rampant inflation and high unemployment, and

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45 WHEREAS, despite the difficult circumstances he inherited,
46 Ronald Reagan's approach to leading the nation was to exemplify
47 an unwavering faith in American ideals, most memorably by
48 invoking his long-held vision of America as "a shining city on a
49 hill," destined to realize an ever brighter future, and

50 WHEREAS, during his presidency, Ronald Reagan worked in a
51 bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring
52 accountability and common sense to the Federal Government, which
53 led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for
54 millions of Americans, and

55 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social
56 policy agenda for the nation's children helped to lower crime
57 and reduce drug use in our neighborhoods, and

58 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces
59 contributed to the restoration of pride in America and its
60 values and those cherished by the free world and prepared the
61 nation's armed forces to meet the challenges of the 21st
62 century, and

63 WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through
64 strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise
65 of the Soviet Union, thus guaranteeing basic human rights for
66 millions of people, and

67 WHEREAS, February 6, 2007, was the 96th anniversary of
68 Ronald Reagan's birth, and June 5, 2007, will mark the third
69 anniversary of his passing, which generated an outpouring of
70 love and respect unprecedented in a generation, and

71 WHEREAS, the Hispanic history of this state began in

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