

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, To declare February 6, 2011, as Ronald Reagan Day, in South Dakota.

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

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the fortieth President of the United States of America; the second of which he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in forty-nine of the fifty states in the general election, which is a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's armed forces to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's 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, February 6, 2011, will be the one-hundredth anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth, and the seventh anniversary since his passing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that February 6, 2011, is hereby declared to be Ronald Reagan Day in South Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens of South Dakota are asked that day to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 25, 2011
January 27, 2011

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Speaker of the House

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