

ENGROSSED HOUSE

JOINT

RESOLUTION NO. 1001

By: Balkman, Armes, Banz, Benge, Bingman, Blackwell, Calvey, Cargill, Case, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, DePue, DeWitt, Duncan, Hastings, Hickman, Hiett, Ingmire, Jackson, Jett, Johnson, Jones, Kern, Liebmann, Liotta, Martin, Miller (Doug), Miller (Ken), Morgan (Fred), Nance, Peters, Peterson (Pam), Peterson (Ron), Reynolds, Richardson, Roggow, Smaligo, Steele, Sullivan, Terrill, Thompson, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Wesselhoft, Winchester, Worthen, Wright and Young of the House

and

Laughlin of the Senate

A Joint Resolution recognizing and proclaiming President Ronald Reagan Day; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in the election for his second term as President of the United States, Ronald Reagan was victorious in 49 of the 50 states, earning the vote of an unprecedented three-fifths (3/5) of the American electorate; and

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

WHEREAS, during President Reagan's terms in office, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, resulting in an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of American citizens; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for America's children helped lower crime and drug use in American neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, in American values and in the values of liberty cherished by freedom-loving people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's foresight strengthened America's armed forces to enable our nation to triumph in the Gulf War; 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, President Reagan, being a man of honor, would be the first to give credit to his predecessors who also fought the battle against communism and the Cold War, and would acknowledge President Eisenhower's strong anti-communist stand, President Kennedy's successful resolution of the Cuban missile crisis and President Johnson's long struggle against communism in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan would also acknowledge the efforts of his predecessors to bring about World Peace, such as President Nixon's historic visit to China and the Camp David Agreement, bringing peace between Egypt and Israel, engineered by President Carter; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, and died on June 5, 2004, having lived longer than any other American President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 90.17 of Title 25, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The sixth day of February of each year is hereby designated as  
"President Ronald Reagan Day" to commemorate the anniversary of the  
birth of the 40th President of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate