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THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, April 6, 2005

ENGROSSED
House Joint
Resolution No. 1001

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT 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

(Bold face denotes Committee Amendments)

1 WHEREAS, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated as
2 President of the United States, he inherited a disillusioned nation
3 shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and
4 WHEREAS, during President Reagan's terms in office, he worked in
5 a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring
6 accountability and common sense to government, resulting in an
7 unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of
8 American citizens; and
9 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social
10 policy agenda for America's children helped lower crime and drug use
11 in American neighborhoods; and
12 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces
13 contributed to the restoration of pride in America, in American
14 values and in the values of liberty cherished by freedom-loving
15 people throughout the world; and
16 WHEREAS, President Reagan's foresight strengthened America's
17 armed forces to enable our nation to triumph in the Gulf War; and
18 WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "Peace through Strength"
19 led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet
20 Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and
21 WHEREAS, President Reagan, being a man of honor, would be the
22 first to give credit to his predecessors who also fought the battle
23 against communism and the Cold War, and would acknowledge President

1 Eisenhower's strong anti-communist stand, President Kennedy's
2 successful resolution of the Cuban missile crisis and President
3 Johnson's long struggle against communism in Southeast Asia; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 4-4-05 -
2 DO PASS.