STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1054 By: Balkman

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A Resolution recognizing February 6, 2006, as Ronald Reagan Day.

WHEREAS, in 2005, we designated February 6 of each year as "President Ronald Reagan Day" to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the 40th President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in this first year as a recognized state holiday, it behooves us to reflect back on the man and his contributions to our great nation, both in words and in deeds; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; the second of which he earned 3/5 of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election - a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; 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 prepared America's Armed Forces to meet 21st Century challenges; and

WHEREAS, in this time of war and on this day, we must reflect on his words and acknowledge that he was a man of forethought and distinction when he said about the war on terrorism, "We are at war with the most dangerous enemy that has ever faced mankind in his long climb from the swamp to the stars, and it has been said if we lose that war, and in so doing lose this way of freedom of ours,

history will record with the greatest astonishment that those who had the most to lose did the least to prevent its happening. Well, I think it's time we ask ourselves if we still know the freedoms that were intended for us by the Founding Fathers"; 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, by dealing skillfully with Congress, Reagan obtained legislation to stimulate economic growth, curb inflation, increase employment, and strengthen the national defense; and

WHEREAS, at the end of his administration, the nation was enjoying its longest recorded period of peacetime prosperity without recession or depression; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan would offer his encouragement and profound wisdom to the President today in his handling of the crisis that America faces in our War on Terror, in much the same way as Reagan declared war against international terrorism, sending American bombers against Libya; and

WHEREAS, February 6, 2006, will be the 95th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth, the second since his passing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors President Ronald Reagan on what would be his 95th birthday.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives is proud to celebrate the first year of this statewide holiday.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives mourns the loss of this humble and dedicated public servant President Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States of America.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby declare February 6, 2006, to be Ronald Reagan Day in Oklahoma and urges all the citizens of Oklahoma to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

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