STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION HJR1001: Balkman

AS INTRODUCED

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 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.

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