

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8616

By Senators Benton and Johnson

WHEREAS, Ninety-four years ago, on February 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born to John and Nelle Reagan in the family's modest apartment above the general store in Tampico, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, John Reagan struggled both before and during the Great Depression in his attempts to provide for his family, until he was appointed director of the Dixon, Illinois office of the Works Progress Administration, a New Deal, back to work program; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan, building upon a successful career in the private sector, acted upon the courage of his convictions and entered the world of politics and public service as Governor of California; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was extraordinarily successful at communicating his vision to the American people with powerful words such as these:

"The house we hope to build is not for my generation but for yours. It is your future that matters. And I hope that when you are my age, you will be able to say as I have been able to say: We lived in freedom. We lived lives that were a statement, not an apology."; and

WHEREAS, During his career as a public servant, Ronald Reagan was unafraid to do battle on the great issues of his time and, in the words of Theodore Roosevelt, enter the arena, strive valiantly, and spend himself for a worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan, as all great American presidents, used the power of the Presidency as he deemed best to invigorate our economy, put Americans to work, honor our obligation to those who need help, and inspire all Americans to seek a more perfect Union; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's leadership, with the support of the American people, helped to end the Cold War, set many nations on a path to freedom and democracy, and promoted greater peace and stability to many regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan provided this nation a great vision for the future and the leadership to advance the cause of democracy and the American dream; and

WHEREAS, The passing of President Reagan gives cause to remember his mission and work, it does not signal the passing of his legacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That it is with great respect, that the Washington State Senate remember the work, honor, and excellence of character exemplified by President Ronald Wilson Reagan as we honor his life and Presidency.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8616,  
adopted by the Senate  
February 4, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate