

SENATE RESOLUTION

8673

By Senators Padden, Becker, Braun, Rolfes, O'Ban, Hobbs, King, Sheldon, Zeiger, Fortunato, and Wagoner

1 WHEREAS, On February 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born in
2 Tampico, Illinois to parents John Edward and Nellie Wilson Reagan;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan modeled the American dream, from growing
5 up in a struggling family to obtaining a higher education, acting in
6 movies, and working in public office; and

7 WHEREAS, After making unsuccessful bids for the Republican
8 nomination twice, he ran in the 1980 presidential election; and

9 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was elected to be the 40th President of
10 the United States and served two terms from 1981 to 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, He won 525 of the 538 electoral college votes in his bid
12 for reelection, the most ever won by a presidential candidate; and

13 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was nicknamed "the great communicator"
14 because of his honesty and connection with the people of the United
15 States; and

16 WHEREAS, He was dedicated to improving the lives of everyone
17 around the world, emphasizing that "America is a shining city upon a
18 hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people everywhere"; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1987, Ronald Reagan stood firmly on the side of
20 freedom and denounced the Soviet Union, demanding Mikhail Gorbachev
21 "tear down this wall" at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin; and

1 WHEREAS, His understanding that "peace is not the absence of
2 conflict but the ability to cope with conflict by peaceful
3 means" brought an end to the Cold War; and

4 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan stressed the importance of preserving
5 individual freedoms by asking "what kind of people do we think
6 we are"? and answering it with "free people, worthy of freedom
7 and determined not only to remain so but to help others gain
8 their freedom as well"; and

9 WHEREAS, While taking inspiration from the past, Ronald
10 Reagan envisioned a bright future for the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was the embodiment of a leader,
12 stating, "there are no great limits to growth because there are
13 no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder"; and

14 WHEREAS, By decreasing unemployment, federal interest rates,
15 and inflation, Ronald Reagan became a symbol of hope for the
16 American people and made our country "prouder, and stronger, and
17 better"; and

18 WHEREAS, On June 5, 2004, Ronald Reagan passed away after a
19 decade long battle with Alzheimer's Disease; and

20 WHEREAS, His tombstone is inscribed with the inspirational
21 words he once spoke to the people, "I know in my heart that man
22 is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph and
23 that there is purpose and worth to each and every life";

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this day, the Senate
25 honor the 40th president of the United States, Ronald Wilson
26 Reagan, a patriot who restored America's spirit and improved the
27 quality of life for individuals at home and around the world.

28 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8673,
31 adopted by the Senate
32 February 6, 2020

33 BRAD HENDRICKSON
34 Secretary of the Senate