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HOUSE RESOLUTION

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2009 AS RONALD REAGAN DAY.

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, governor of California, and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the fortieth President of the United States, the second of which he achieved with the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and victory in forty-nine of the fifty states in the general election--a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, upon his inauguration in 1981, when President Reagan inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, during President Reagan's tenure, 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 opportunities for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower neighborhood crime and drug use; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to the armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America and its values and those cherished by the free world, and it prepared America's armed forces to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan once said:

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"Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have. It is a weapon that we as Americans do have."; and

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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

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WHEREAS, February 6, 2009, will mark the ninety-eighth anniversary of President Reagan's birth; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, that February 6, 2009 be designated as President Ronald Reagan Day by the legislature; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens are urged to reflect and honor the legacy of President Ronald Wilson Reagan and participate in observance activities; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the mayors of the counties of Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, and the city and county of Honolulu, and Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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