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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Ronald Reagan Day**

3 FOR the purpose of commemorating former President Ronald Reagan and proposing  
4 a day for Marylanders to pay tribute to him.

5 WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background,  
6 worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having  
7 been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of  
8 California, and President of the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as  
10 the 40th President of the United States of America, the second of which he earned the  
11 confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in  
12 the general election, including Maryland - a record unsurpassed in the history of  
13 American presidential elections; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he  
15 inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high  
16 unemployment; and

17 WHEREAS, During Mr. Reagan's presidency he worked in a bipartisan manner  
18 to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to Government  
19 which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of  
20 Americans; and

21 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda  
22 for the Nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

23 WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to  
24 the restoration of pride in America, its values and those cherished by the free world,  
25 and prepared our military to win the Gulf War; and

26 WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end  
27 of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, thus guaranteeing basic  
28 human rights for millions of people; and

1 WHEREAS, On February 6, 2003, Ronald Reagan will have reached the age of  
2 ninety-two years; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
4 Legislature assembled in the State of Maryland hereby recognizes February 6, 2003,  
5 and subsequent yearly anniversaries thereafter as "Ronald Reagan Day"; and be it  
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
8 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;  
9 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and  
10 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.