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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 a
4 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, during the second of which he
11 earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the
12 50 states in the general election, including Maryland – a record unsurpassed in the
13 history of 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 meet 21st century challenges; and



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1 WHEREAS, President Reagan’s vision of “peace through strength” led to the
2 end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, thus guaranteeing
3 basic human rights for millions of people; and

4 WHEREAS, February 6, 2008, will be the 97th anniversary of Ronald Reagan’s
5 birth, and the third since his passing; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the
7 Legislature assembled in the State of Maryland hereby recognizes February 6, 2008,
8 and subsequent yearly anniversaries thereafter as “Ronald Reagan Day”; and be it
9 further

10 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
11 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
12 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
13 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.