

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1—Senators Raggio, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O’Connell, O’Donnell, Porter, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing February 6, 2001, as Ronald Reagan Day.

WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born in the midwestern farming town of Tampico, Illinois, on February 6, 1911; and

WHEREAS, His job as a radio sports announcer after graduation from Eureka College started Ronald Reagan in the public life that would eventually lead him to the presidency of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Well-known throughout the country as an actor whose film career included more than 50 movies, Ronald Reagan’s first official leadership role was as President of the Screen Actors Guild, a position he held for six 1-year terms; and

WHEREAS, The changing political beliefs of Ronald Reagan gradually led him to leave his movie career, and he became a spokesman for the General Electric Company; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan joined the Republican Party in 1962, and in 1966 he was elected Governor of California, a position which he would hold for the next 8 years and which would bring him recognition as a politician of national stature; and

WHEREAS, After two unsuccessful attempts at the presidency of the United States, Ronald Reagan swept all but six states and the District of Columbia in the presidential election of 1980 and scored an even greater margin of victory in 1984 with the greatest number of electoral votes ever tallied by a presidential candidate in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, Inheriting a nation with rampant inflation and high unemployment, the theory of supply-side economics, the goal of which was to generate growth by stimulating a greater supply of goods and services and thereby increase jobs, was a mainstay of the Reagan approach; and

WHEREAS, In a remark made during the 1984 campaign, President Ronald Reagan commented that he would like to be remembered as someone who gave the government back to the people, and he worked toward that goal with a bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan’s social policy agenda for the nation’s children helped lower crime and drug use in America’s neighborhoods, and his commitment to our armed forces continued to build the national strength that he saw as necessary for the protection of freedom in this country and throughout the world; and

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, thus guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people and easing the threat of nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his years as President, Ronald Reagan displayed consistent optimism and the self-confidence that endeared him to millions, and even when personal danger touched him, as in the assassination attempt in 1981 that left him wounded, he was upbeat and reassuring; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2001, Ronald Reagan will reach the age of 90 years, thus becoming the oldest former President in the history of our nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature join with the residents of this state and the residents of the entire United States in honoring Ronald Reagan for his many contributions to our country and in celebrating his 90 years of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby joins the nation in recognizing February 6, 2001, as "Ronald Reagan Day"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to former President of the United States, Ronald Reagan, and his family.