

House Bill 713 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Franklin of the 43rd, Richardson of the 19th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observations, so as to declare Ronald Reagan Day in Georgia; to make certain
3 legislative observations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
7 observations, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

8 "1-4-15.

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

10 (1) President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout
11 his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an
12 entertainer, Union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and President
13 of the United States;

14 (2) Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the fortieth
15 President of the United States of America, and in his reelection he earned the confidence
16 of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general
17 election, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections;

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

21 (4) Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children
22 helped lower crime rates and drug use in our neighborhoods;

23 (5) President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration
24 of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared
25 America's armed forces to meet twenty-first century challenges;

1 (6) President Reagan's vision of 'peace through strength' led to the end of the Cold War
2 and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions
3 of people; and

4 (7) February 6, 2005, will be the ninety-fourth anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth, and
5 the first since his passing.

6 (b) February 6 of each year is designated 'Ronald Reagan Day' in Georgia."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.