

House Resolution 188

By: Representatives Hembree of the 67th, Battles of the 15th, Dickson of the 6th, Knight of the 126th, Rice of the 51st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of Ronald Reagan on the 100th anniversary
2 of his birth; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 100th anniversary of the birth of our 40th president, Ronald Reagan, is
4 Sunday, February 6, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, on that day and during the year ahead, there will be many celebrations of the
6 life of a man who remains one of the most beloved and respected of our modern presidents;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Republicans adore him and even Democrats who opposed many of his ideas at
9 the time look back kindly on him; and

10 WHEREAS, he always had a kind word or a "hello" and a "thank you" to those who served
11 with him, and he never gave orders or raised his voice, but inspired others to do the best they
12 could; and

13 WHEREAS, once he saluted a military aide as he got off the presidential helicopter and
14 someone told him he could not do that because he was a civilian; he responded that
15 somebody better get over to the Pentagon and get that rule changed, because as the
16 commander in chief, he wanted to salute out of respect for his military; and

17 WHEREAS, he totally rebuilt a post-Vietnam demoralized military, and by the end of his
18 time in office, the United States again had the finest military in the world; and

19 WHEREAS, even when he was recovering from an assassination attempt, when he had been
20 close to death, he never lost his spirit or his quest for life; and

21 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan loved the United States with a deep passion and without
22 apology; he believed in the American Dream because he had lived it; and

23 WHEREAS, there was a toughness to him, but always touched with compassion; he was
24 strong enough to be gentle; and

25 WHEREAS, his true confidante and love was his wife, Nancy; he would not have been
26 President without her, nor would his life have been as full if he hadn't shared it with her; and

27 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan made the world and our country a better place; he restored pride
28 in our nation and made Americans believe in the slogan from his 1984 campaign: "Prouder,
29 stronger, better."

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize the tremendous accomplishments of Ronald Reagan on
32 the 100th anniversary of his birth.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Ronald Reagan
35 Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California.